

Queen Victoria
written by Leonard Cohen

Tuning: Bb Eb Ab Db F Bb (standard, three(!) full-steps down)

Chords:

Am: x02210
F: 133211
E: 022100
E': 033200
G: 320003
C: x32010
E/b: x22100

Am
Queen Victoria,
My father and all his tobacco loved you
I love you too in all your forms
The slim unlovely virgin floating among German beards
The mean governess of the huge pink maps
The solitary mourner of a prince

Am
Queen Victoria
I am cold and rainy
I am dirty as a glass roof in a train station
I feel like an empty cast iron exhibition
I want ornaments on everything
Because my love, she gone with other boys

Am
Queen Victoria
Do you have a punishment under the white lace
Will you be short with her, make her read those little Bibles
Will you spank her with a mechanical corset
I want her pure as power, I want her skin slightly musty with petticoats
Will you wash the easy bidet out of her head?

Am
Queen Victoria
I'm not much nourished by modern love
Will you come into my life
With your sorrow and your black carriages
And your perfect memories

Am
Queen Victoria
F Am

The Twentieth Century belongs to you and me
Let us be two severe giants not less lonely for our partnership
Who discoloured test tubes in the halls of Science
Who turned up unwelcome at every World's Fair
Heavy with proverbs and corrections
Confusing the star-dazed tourists
With our incomparable sense of loss