

By the Rivers Dark
written by Leonard Cohen and Sharon Robinson

Intro: Fm . . . | . . Eb . | Fm . . . | |
Dbmaj7 . . . | . . Eb . | Fm . . . | |

Fm
By the rivers dark

Eb Fm

I wandered on

Dbmaj7

I lived my life

Eb Fm

In Babylon

And I did forget

My holy song:

And I had no strength

In Babylon

Bridge:

Ab Bb6

By the rivers dark

Fm

Where I could not see

Db Eb

Who was waiting there

Fm

Who was hunting me

And he cut my lip

And he cut my heart

So I could not drink

From the rivers dark

And he covered me

And I saw within

My lawless heart

And my wedding ring

Bridge:

I did not know

And I could not see

Who was waiting there

Who was hunting me

By the rivers dark

I panicked on

I belong at last

To Babylon

Then he struck my heart

With a deadly force

And he said, "This heart:

It is not yours"

Brodge2:

Db Eb

And he gave the wind

Fm

My wedding ring

Db Eb/db

And he circled us

Bbm7 C C7

With everything

By the rivers dark

In a wounded dawn
I live my life
In Babylon

Though I take my song
From a withered limb
Both song and tree
They sing for him

Be the truth unsaid
And the blessing gone
If I forget
My Babylon

Bridge:

I did not know
And I could not see
Who was waiting there
Who was hunting me

By the rivers dark
Where it all goes on:
By the rivers dark
In Babylon

Guitarist friendly version

Capo 1st fret

Chords:

Cmaj7: x32000 or x35453
A6: x02222
D/c: x3x232

Intro: Em . . . | . . D . | Em . . . | |
Cmaj7 . . . | . . D . | Em . . . | |

Em
By the rivers dark
D Em
I wandered on
Cmaj7
I lived my life
D Em
In Babylon

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Bridge:

G A6
By the rivers dark
Em
Where I could not see
C D
Who was waiting there
Em
Who was hunting me

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Bridge2:

C D
And he gave the wind
Em
My wedding ring
C D/c
And he circled us

Am7 B B7
With everything

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