

Take This Waltz
 written by Leonard Cohen,
 based on a poem by Federico Garcia Lorca
 (Little Viennese Waltz)

Intro: B . . | F#sus4 . . | F# . . | . . . |

Now in Vienna there's ten pretty women
 There's a shoulder where Death comes to cry
 There's a lobby with nine hundred windows
 There's a tree where the doves go to die
 There's a piece that was torn from the morning
 And it hangs in the Gallery of Frost
 Ay, Ay, Ay, Ay
 Take this waltz, take this waltz
 Take this waltz with the clamp on its jaws
 F# . . | G#m . . | F#/a# . . | F# . . |

Oh I want you, I want you, I want you
 On a chair with a dead magazine
 In the cave at the tip of the lily
 In some hallways where love's never been
 On a bed where the moon has been sweating
 In a cry filled with footsteps and sand
 Ay, Ay, Ay, Ay
 Take this waltz, take this waltz
 Take its broken waist in your hand
 Edim . . | Gdim . . | G#m . . | D# . . |

Chorus:

This waltz, this waltz, this waltz, this waltz
 With its very own breath of brandy and Death
 Dragging its tail in the sea

There's a concert hall in Vienna
 Where your mouth had a thousand reviews
 There's a bar where the boys have stopped talking
 They've been sentenced to death by the blues
 Ah, but who is it climbs to your picture

C#m G#7 C#m . . | . . B/d# |
 With a garland of freshly cut tears?
 E B/d# C#m B
 Ay, Ay, Ay, Ay
 D#7/g G#m
 Take this waltz, take this waltz
 C#m E . . | . . . |
 Take this waltz it's been dying for years
 B . . | . . . | F# . . | . . . |

B D#m/a# G#m
 There's an attic where children are playing
 B G#m
 Where I've got to lie down with you soon
 E F#
 In a dream of Hungarian lanterns
 E E D#m C#m B D#7/a#
 In the mist of some sweet afternoon
 G#m
 And I'll see what you've chained to your sorrow
 C#m G#7 C#m . . | . . B/d# |
 All your sheep and your lilies of snow
 E B/d# C#m B
 Ay, Ay, Ay, Ay
 D#7/g G#7/f#
 Take this waltz, take this waltz
 E6 Fm7-5 . . | . . . |
 With its "I'll never forget you, you know!"
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B G#m
 And I'll dance with you in Vienna
 B D#m/a# G#m
 I'll be wearing a river's disguise
 E F#
 The hyacinth wild on my shoulder
 E E D#m C#m B
 My mouth on the dew of your thighs
 B G#m
 And I'll bury my soul in a scrapbook
 B D#m/a# G#m
 With the photographs there, and the moss
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 And I'll yield to the flood of your beauty
 E E D#m C#m B D#7/a#
 My cheap violin and my cross
 G#m
 And you'll carry me down on your dancing
 C#m G#7 C#m
 To the pools that you lift on your wrist
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 Ay, Ay, Ay, Ay

Guitarist friendly version

You'd have to downtune one half step to play along with the record.

Chords:

Gsus4: 320013
 Em/b: x22000
 E7/b: x20100
 C/e: 032010 or xx2010
 E7/g#: 420100
 D/f#: 200232
 G/b: x20003
 A7/g: 3x2020
 F6: xx3231 or 100211
 F#m7-5: 202212 or xx3444
 Fdim: xx3434
 G#dim: xx6767

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