

Billy Joel – The Stranger

Intro Singing

Empty guitar staff with six lines labeled E, B, G, D, A, E from top to bottom.

Verse A

Guitar staff with six lines labeled E, B, G, D, A, E. Chords are written in the staff: E- E- A- E- A- C D B-

Verse B

Guitar staff with six lines labeled E, B, G, D, A, E. Chords are written in the staff: E- E- A- E- A- D B-

Chorus 1

Guitar staff with six lines labeled E, B, G, D, A, E. Chords and fingerings are written: G (0 3), G- (0 3), F# (2 0), D (2 0), G (2 0), G- (2 0), F# (2 0), A- (2 0), D (2 0).

Intro chords (fast 8/4)

Guitar staff with six lines labeled E, B, G, D, A, E. Chords are written: E- C E- C

Chorus 2

Guitar staff with six lines labeled E, B, G, D, A, E. Chords and fingerings are written: G (0 3), G- (0 3), F# (2 0), C (2 0), B (3 0), B (3 0), A (2 0), B- (4 0), B- (4 0).

Intro singing (haunting melody)

Intro chords

Verse 1

Well we all have a face that we hide away forever
 And we take them out and show ourselves
 when everyone has gone.
 Some are satin, some are steel, some are silk and some are leather.
 They're the faces of the stranger but we love to try them on.

Intro chords

Verse 2

Well we all fall in love, but we disregard the danger
 Though we share so many secrets, there are some we never tell
 Why were you so surprised that you never saw the stranger
 Did you ever let your lover see the stranger in yourself?

Chorus

Don't be afraid to try again
 Everyone goes south every now and then
 You've done it, why can't someone else?
 You should know by now, you've been there yourself

Verse 3

Once I used to believe I was such a great romancer
 Then I came home to a woman that I could not recognize
 When I pressed her for a reason, she refused to even answer
 It was then I felt the stranger kick me right between the eyes.

Intro Chords, Verse 2 and Chorus

Verse 4

You may never understand how the stranger is inspired
 But he isn't always evil and he is not always wrong.
 Though you drown in good intentions,
 You will never quench the fire.
 You'll give in to your desire when the stranger comes along.

Intro chords

Outro singing (optional)