

I Am Lonely

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Birthday Blues

Standard tuning

♩ = 120

N-Gt

Intro.

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let ring-| let ring let ring-----| let ring+| let ring let ring let ring

TAB
5 0 5 0 5 8 0 8 0 5 6 5 6 5 3

A
3 5 3 5 7 7 5 3 5

B
3 3 3 3 7 7 5 5

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5 5 5 5 3 5 3 0 3 0 3 3 0 3 0 1 3 1 3 0 1 3 1

A
3 3

B
3 3

Verse 1.

let ring let ring let ring let ring Oh please understand. My
let ring+| let ring let ring-----| let ring+| let ring

TAB
1 0 1 0 1 0 5 0 5 0 8 0 8 0 5

A
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B
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 7 7 7 5

love what I say. I am lonely
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6 5 6 5 5 5 5 3 5 3 0 3 0 1 3 1

A
5 3 5 3 5 5 5 3 5 3 0 3 0 1 3 1

B
5 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

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I am lost. And though I be a

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3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	0
3	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	5

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young man. My body does decay. Like a

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8	0	8	0	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	3	5
7	7	7	7	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3

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wooden craft. On a sandy bay. Come

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TAB

3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Verse 2.

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bring to me a basket. Filled unto the brim. With

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TAB

5	0	5	0	8	0	8	0	6	0	6	0	6	8	6
3	5	3	5	7	5	7	5	7	7	7	7	8	7	7

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coloured shells. Then set them down. That I may choose but

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TAB

0	8	0	5	8	0	8	0	6	5	6	5	5	5	5
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	3	5	7	5

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one. I am lonely I am
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T
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B

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lost.
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