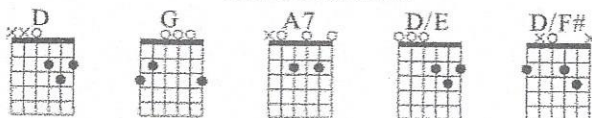


# If it Takes a Lifetime

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## Intro:

| D - - - | G - - - | x 3  
| D - A - | D (Stop!) - - - |

          D          D          A7  A7  
I've been working here, Monday, it'll be a year  
          D          D/F#          G      G  
And I can't recall a day when I didn't wanna disappear  
          D          D          A7      A7  
But I keep on showing up, hell-bent on growing up  
          G          G (2<sup>nd</sup> half intro Riff) | D - A7 - | D  
If it takes a lifetime

          D      D                  A7  A7  
I'm learning how to be alone, fall asleep with the TV on  
          D          D/F#          G      G  
And I fight the urge to live inside my telephone  
          D      D          A7      A7  
I keep my spirits high, find happiness by and by  
          G          G (riff) | D - A7 - | D  
it takes a life time

          G          G          D          D  
I got too far from my raising, I forgot where I come from  
          D  G      D  G          A7  A7  
And the line between right and wrong was so fine  
          D          D/F#  
Well I thought the highway loved me  
          G          D  
But she beat me like a drum  
          D          A7      G      D  
My day will come, if it takes a lifetime

## Like Intro:

| D - - - | G - - - | x 3  
| D - A - | D - - - |

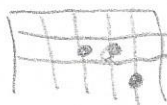
          D      D                  A7  A7  
I don't keep liquor here, never cared for wine or beer  
          D          D/F#          G      G  
And working for the county keeps me busy and clear  
          D      D          A7      A7  
The nights are dry as dust, but I'm letting my eyes adjust  
          G          G (Riff) | D - A7 - | D  
it takes a lifetime

G G D D  
 I got too far from my raising, I forgot where I come from  
 D G D G A7 A7  
 And the line between right and wrong was so fine  
 D D/F#  
 Well I thought the highway loved me  
 G D  
 But she beat me like a drum  
 D A7 G D  
 My day will come, if it takes a lifetime

Bridge/Solo:

| Em --- | Em --- | Bm --- | Bm --- |  
 | Em --- | G --- | Asus4 --- | A7 --- |

Asus4



Breakdown:

D D A7 A7  
 Man is a pile of gum, all the people that he ever loved  
 D | D/E - D/F# - | G G  
 And it don't make a difference how it ended up  
 D D A7 A7  
 If I loved you once my friend, oh, I can do it all again  
 G G | D - A7 - | D  
 If it takes a lifetime

G G D D  
 We got too far from my raising and we fought 'til we went numb  
 D G D G A7 A7  
 You were running up a mountain in your own mind  
 D D/F# G D  
 And I thought that I was running to but I was running from  
 D A7 G D  
 Oh, our day will come, if it takes a lifetime  
 D A7 G G G  
 Our day will come, if it takes a lifetime

| D --- | G --- | x 3  
 | D - A - | D (End!) --- |

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D

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### Main Strum

D

### Breakdown in Last Verse

D

D/E

D/E=

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