

The Winner Takes It All – ABBA (1980)

Intro (with la-las and sax) (8 beats each chord)

G **Em** **Am** **D**
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Softly 8 beats per chord

I don't wanna **[G]**talk about the things we've **[D]**gone through
 Though it's hurting **[Am]**me now it's histo**[D]**ry
 I've played all my **[G]**cards & that's what you've **[D]**done too
 Nothing more to **[Am]**say no more ace to **[D]**play

The winner takes it **[G]**all the loser's standing **[Em]**small
 Beside the victo**[Am]**ry that's her destin**[D]**y...

I was in your **[G]**armsthinking I be**[D]**longed there
 I figured it made **[Am]**sense building me a **[D]**fence
 Building me a **[G]**homethinking I'd be **[D]**stro-ng there
 But I was a **[Am]**fool playing by the **[D]**rules

The gods may throw the **[G]**dice ... their minds as cold as **[Em]**ice
 And someone way down **[Am]**here loses someone **[D]**dear
 The winner takes it **[G]**all {**takes it a-ll**}
 The loser has to **[Em]**fall {**has to fa-ll**}
 It's simple and it's **[Am]**plain {**it's so pla-in**}
 Why should I com**[D]**plain? {**Why compla-in**}

But tell me does she **[G]**kisslike I used to **[D]**kiss you?
 Does it feel the **[Am]**same when she calls your **[D]**name?
 Somewhere deep in**[G]**side you must know I **[D]**miss you
 But what can I **[Am]**say? Rules must be o**[D]**beyed

The judges will de**[G]**cide {**will decide**} The likes of me a**[Em]**bide {**me abide**}
 Spectators of the **[Am]**show {**of the show**} Always staying **[D]**low {**staying low**}
 The game is on a**[G]**gain {**on again**} A lover or a **[Em]**friend {**or a friend**}
 A big thing or a **[Am]**small {**big or small**} The winner takes it **[D]**all {**takes it all**}

Softly

I don't wanna **[G]**talk If it makes you **[D]**feel sad
 And I under**[Am]**stand .. you've come to shake my **[D]**hand
 I apolo**[G]**gise if it makes you **[D]**feel bad
 Seeing me so **[Am]**tense no self-confi**[D]**dence, but you see

The winner takes it **[G]**all..... **[Em]**

The winner takes it **[Am]**all..... **[D]**

[G] - So the winner **[Em]** - takes it a-ll

[Am] - And the loser **[D]** - has to fa-ll

[G] - Throw a di-ce, **[Em]** - cold as i-ce

[Am] - Way down here, **[D]** - someone dear

[G] - Takes it a-ll, **[Em]** - has to fa-ll

[Am] - It seems pla-ain **[D]** - Why complai-n? **[G]**

Chords

