
If You Want Me To Stay - Sly And The Family Stone

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Tuning: Standard

Note: I got the idea to write this tab from a video on youtube which can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uq1Ice56NJw> .You don't need to watch the video but it may help some people with the timing.

Additional note: I don't use the same exact chords in the video.

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      [ch]Bm[/ch]   [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]   [ch]G7[/ch]   [ch]F#7[/ch]   [ch]G7[/ch]*   [ch]F#7[/ch]*
e|-----3-----|
B|--7-----5-----3-----2-----8-----7-----|
G|--7-----5-----5-----4-----3-----10-----9-----|
D|--7-----5-----4-----3-----2-----9-----8-----|
A--x-----x-----5-----5-----x-----10-----9-----|
E|--7-----5-----3-----2-----|
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[Intro]

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[ch]Bm[/ch] / [ch]Am7[/ch] / [ch]D9[/ch] / [ch]G7[/ch] / [ch]F#7[/ch]
[ch]Bm[/ch] / [ch]Am7[/ch] / [ch]D9[/ch] / [ch]G7[/ch] / [ch]G7[/ch]* / [ch]F#7[/ch]*
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[Verse 1]

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      [ch]Bm[/ch]
If you want me to stay
      [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]
I'll be around today
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]F#7[/ch]
To be available for you to see
      [ch]Bm[/ch]
I'm about to go
      [ch]Am7[/ch]           [ch]D9[/ch]
And then you'll know
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]G7[/ch]*   [ch]F#7[/ch]*
For me to stay here I've got to be me

      [ch]Bm[/ch]
You'll never be in doubt
      [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]
That's what it's all about
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]F#7[/ch]
You can't take me for granted and smile
      [ch]Bm[/ch]
Count the days I'm gone
      [ch]Am7[/ch]           [ch]D9[/ch]
Forget reaching me by phone
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]G7[/ch]*   [ch]F#7[/ch]*
Because I promise I'll be gone for a while
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[Chorus]

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      [ch]Bm[/ch]
When you see me again
      [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]
I hope that you have been
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]F#7[/ch]
The kind of person that you really are now
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[Verse 2]

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      [ch]Bm[/ch]
You got to get it straight
      [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]
How could I ever be late
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]G7[/ch]*   [ch]F#7[/ch]*
When you're my woman takin' up my time

      [ch]Bm[/ch]
How could you ever allow
      [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]
I guess I wonder how
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]F#7[/ch]
How could you get out of pocket for fun
      [ch]Bm[/ch]           [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]
When you know that you're never number two
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]G7[/ch]*   [ch]F#7[/ch]*
Number one gonna be number one

[ch]Bm[/ch]
I'll be good
      [ch]Am7[/ch]   [ch]D9[/ch]
I wish I could
      [ch]G7[/ch]           [ch]F#7[/ch]
Get this message over to you now
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[Chorus]

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      [ch]Bm[/ch]
When you see me again
      [ch]Am7[/ch]      [ch]D9[/ch]
I hope that you have been
      [ch]G7[/ch]      [ch]F#7[/ch]
The kind of person you really are now
[ch]Bm[/ch]
I'll be so good
      [ch]Am7[/ch]      [ch]D9[/ch]
I wish I could
      [ch]G7[/ch]      [ch]G7[/ch]*   [ch]F#7[/ch]*
Get the message over to you now
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LAST 3 COMMENTS

RocknRory: This is awesome, I have always loved funkynics guitar cover and vocals, thank you!!!

damblo: Hi, the last two chords are actually a G7 (the same as the other chord and Gb7 :) although it doesnt actually matter, v
ery good tab anyway! havent looked at the other chords, but who cares :D

wrybread: Vaguely sorta kinda close.

Its just the same pattern throughout. If you're doing it in Am (the album version is Bbm by the way), it would be:

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      Am
If you want me to stay
      Gm7      C9 (or C7)
I'll be around today
      Fmaj7      E7
To be available for you to see
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That's it, over and over. No C to B at the end of the verse. And that Fmaj7 instead of the F7 is critical. A nice way to voice
it is 1x221x.