
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=UqlIce56NJw> .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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      Bm  Am7  D9   G7  F#7   G7*  F#7*
e|-----3-----|
B|--7---5---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]

Bm / Am7 / D9 / G7 / F#7
Bm / Am7 / D9 / G7 / G7* / F#7*

[Verse 1]

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      Bm
If you want me to stay
      Am7  D9
I'll be around today
      G7          F#7
To be available for you to see
      Bm
I'm about to go
      Am7  D9
And then you'll know
      G7          G7*  F#7*
For me to stay here I've got to be me
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      Bm
You'll never be in doubt
      Am7  D9
That's what it's all about
      G7          F#7
You can't take me for granted and smile
      Bm
Count the days I'm gone
      Am7  D9
Forget reaching me by phone
      G7          G7*  F#7*
Because I promise I'll be gone for a while
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[Chorus]

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

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

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

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

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

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:

 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

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.