

# 39- A - Queen

A Night At The Opera - '39  
 Words and music by Brian May

Note: on the studio version of this song there are two guitars.  
 Use a capo on the first fret.

The most used rythm pattern:

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d d udu : strokes (up/down)

intro

C(VIII), Am, E,

A#(VI), D#(VI) A#(VI) C(VIII) F(VIII) G

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  G      D      Em      C      G      D      C      G
  ---3---3-2-----0---0-00---3-3-3---2-2-----33-----
  ---33---33-3-----0---0-11---00-0-300-3-3-3---1---13-----
  ---00---00-2-----0---00-0002---0-0-0-202-2-2-----0-0-----
  ---0---0-0---x2---24-0-2-0---0-0---0-0-0-0-0---2-02-0-----
  -2-2-23-----00-----/------2-2-----3-----2-----
  -----h-----0-----3-3-----3-...--
  
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  G      D      Em      C      E/C      D      G
  ---3---3-2-----0---0---0---0----- (folk strum)
  ---0---003-3-----0---x0-1-1-0---0-----
  -0-0---0-2-2-0-----0---0-0-0-0-0-0-2---0---
  -0-----0-0-----2---24-2-2-22---2---2-0-0-0-4-
  -2---23-----/-3---3---3---3-0-0-----
  -----/-00-----
  
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simplified intro

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  -3---3---3-2---0-----0-0---3---3---2-2---0---0---3-3--
  -3---3---3-3---0-----1-1---0---3p0---3-2---1---1---3-3--
  -0---0---0-2---0-----0-0---0---0---3p0-2-3---0---0---0-0--
  -0---0---0-0---2---2/4-2-2---0---0---0-0---0h2-2---0-0--
  -2---2h3-----3-3---2-----3---3---2-2--
  -----3-----3-3--
  |
  |--0---0---2-----3-3--
  |--0---0---3-----3-3--
  |--0-0-0-0-2-2-0---0-0--
  |---2---2---0-0-4-0-0--
  |---3---3---0-----2-3--
  |-----3-3--
  
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G (pickup chord) D Em  
 In the year of '39.... Assembled here the volunteers

C G D Em Em7(020000)  
 In the days when lands were few Here the ship sailed out into the

C Dsus4 D G  
 Blue and sunny morn Sweetest sight ever seen.

D Adim(xx1212)  
 And night followed day, and the story tellers say

Em Am  
That the score brave souls inside

G D  
For many a lonely day sailed across the milky seas

C Em C D C (G) D  
Ne'er looked back, never feared, never cried.

G C G  
Don't you hear my call, though you're many years away,

G D  
Don't you hear me calling you

G B Em G C G Am  
Write your letters in the sand for the day I take your hand

G (A-2/3--) D (D--2--4--) G  
In the land that our grandchildren knew.

interlude:

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Cm(III) A C(III) F#m((IX) C(III) Am E

A#(VI), D#(VI) A#(VI) C(VIII) F(VIII) G

In the year of '39 came a ship in from the blue  
The volunteers came home that day  
And they bring good news of a world so newly born  
Though their hearts so heavily weigh  
For the earth is old and grey, to a new home we'll away  
But my love this cannot be  
For so many years have gone though I'm older but a year  
Your mother's eyes in your eyes cry to me.

Don't you hear my call though you're many years away  
Don't you hear me calling you  
All the letters in the sand cannot heal me like your hand

For my life  
Still ahead  
Pity Me.

Credits: Ken Goach and Patrick M. Ryan and PD