

Swift Guitar Lessons

"Helplessly Hoping" By Crosby, Stills & Nash

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Intro Section:



Am7		C	Csus4	C
E -----0----- -----0----- ----- -----				
B -1----- -0h1----- -1----- -1-----				
G -----0----- -----0----- -----0----- -----0-----				
D -----2----- -----2----- -----2----- -----0-----				
A -0----- -0----- -3----- -3-----				
E ----- ----- ----- -----				
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	
G	G6	G	G6	D
				Dsus2
				D
				Dsus2
E -----3----- -----3----- -2----- -0h2-----				
B -0----- -0----- -----3----- -----3-----				
G -----0----- -----0----- -----2----- -----2-----				
D -----0h2----- -----0h2----- -0----- -0-----				
A ----- ----- ----- -----				
E -3----- -3----- ----- -----				
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	

Verse #1: See tab on pg.3 for picking suggestions

Am7	C	G	D
Helplessly hoping her harlequin hovers nearby___awaiting a word.			
Am7	C	G	D
Gasping at glimpses of gentle true spirit he runs___ wishing he could fly___aye			
Am7	Csus2	G	C/G
G	C/G	D	
only to trip at the sound of goodbye_____			

Verse #2:

Am7	C	G	D
Wordlessly watching he waits by the window and wonders at the empty place inside			
Am7	C	G	D
Heartlessly helping himself to her bad dreams he worries did he hear a goodbye?			
Am7	Csus2	G	C/G
or even___a hello_____			

Chorus #1: See tab on pg.4 for picking suggestions

G	C/G	G	C/G	G	C/G
They are one person, they are two alone, they are three together, they					
G	F	C	Csus2	G	Riff
are for_____eachother					



Suggested Picking – Verse Section



Am7		C	
E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----
B -1-----0-----	B -1-----1-----	B -1-----1-----	B -1-----1-----
G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----
D -----2-----2-----	D -----2-----2-----	D -----2-----2-----	D -----2-----2-----
A -0-----0-----	A -0-----0-----2-----	A -3-----3-----	A -3-----3-----
E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E -----3-----	E -----3-----
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
<i>Helplessly</i>	<i>hoping her</i>	<i>harlequin</i>	<i>hovers near</i>

G	D	Dsus2	D	Dsus2
E ----- ----- ----- -----	E -----2-----0-----	E -----2-----0-----	E -----2-----0-----	E -----2-----0-----
B -0-----1-----	B -3-----3-----3-----	B -3-----3-----3-----	B -3-----3-----3-----	B -3-----3-----3-----
G -----0-----0-----	G -----2-----2-----	G -----2-----2-----	G -----2-----2-----	G -----2-----2-----
D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----0-----	D -----0-----0-----	D -----0-----0-----	D -----0-----0-----
A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----
E -3-----3-----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
<i>by</i>	<i>awaiting a</i>	<i>word...</i>		

Am7		C	
E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----
B -1-----0-----	B -1-----1-----	B -1-----1-----	B -1-----1-----
G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----
D -----2-----2-----	D -----2-----2-----	D -----2-----2-----	D -----2-----2-----
A -0-----0-----	A -0-----0-----2-----	A -3-----3-----	A -3-----3-----
E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E -----3-----	E -----3-----
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
<i>Gasp</i>	<i>ing at</i>	<i>glimpses of</i>	<i>gentle true spirit he</i>

G	C/G	G	C/G	D	Dsus2
E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E ----- ----- ----- -----	E -----2-----0-----	E -----2-----0-----
B -0-----1-----	B -0-----1-----	B -0-----1-----	B -0-----1-----	B -3-----3-----3-----	B -3-----3-----3-----
G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----2-----2-----	G -----2-----2-----
D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----0-----	D -----0-----0-----
A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----
E -3-----3-----	E -3-----3-----	E -3-----3-----	E -3-----3-----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
<i>runs...</i>	<i>wishing he could</i>	<i>fly</i>	<i>aye...</i>	<i>only to</i>	

Am7	Csus2	G	C/G	G	C/G
E -----0-----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----	E ----- -----
B -1---1---1-----	B --1-----1-----	B -----0-----1-----	B -----0-----1-----	B -----0-----1-----	B -----0-----1-----
G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----	G -----0-----0-----
D -----2-----2-----	D -----0-----0-----	D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----2-----	D -----0-----2-----
A -0-----0-----	A -3-----3-----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----	A ----- -----
E ----- -----	E ----- -----	E -3-----3-----	E -3-----3-----	E -3-----3-----	E -3-----3-----
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
<i>trip</i>	<i>at the sound of</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>bye</i>	<i>ah ah ah ah ah</i>	

Verse Picking Continued:

D	Dsus2	D	Dsus2
E -----2-----0----- -0h2-2-----0-----			
B -3---3-----3--- -----3-----3---			
G -----2-----2--- -----2-----2---			
D -0-----0----- -0-----0-----			
A ----- -----			
E ----- -----			
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &		

(aye)



Ending for Verses before Choruses:

Am7	Csus2	G	C/G
E ----- ----- ----- -----			
B -1---1---1--- --1-----1--- ---0---0--- ---1---1---			
G -----0-----0--- -----0-----0--- ---0---0--- ---0---0---			
D -----2-----2--- -----0-----0--- ---0---0--- ---2---2---			
A -0-----0----- -3-----3----- ----- -----			
E ----- ----- -3-----3----- -3-----3-----			
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

Or even...

hel lo

they are

Picking for Chorus #1:



G	C/G	G	C/G
E ----- ----- ----- -----			
B -----0-----0--- --1-----1--- ---0---0--- ---1---1---			
G -----0-----0--- -----0-----0--- ---0---0--- ---0---0---			
D -----0-----0--- -----2-----2--- ---0---0--- ---2---2---			
A ----- ----- ----- -----			
E -3-----3----- -3-----3----- -3-----3----- -3-----3-----			
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

“one person they are two a lone... they are

G	C/G	G	F
E ----- ----- ----- -----1-----1---			
B -----0-----0--- --1-----1--- ---0---0--- ---1-----1---			
G -----0-----0--- -----0-----0--- ---0---0--- ---2-----2---			
D -----0-----0--- -----2-----2--- ---0---0--- ---3-----3---			
A ----- ----- ----- -----			
E -3-----3----- -3-----3----- -3-----3----- -1-----1-----			
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

“three to gether they are for each

C	Csus2	G Riff	
E ----- ----- ----- -3-----			
B -----1-----1--- --1-----1--- -----0h1-----0h1- -0-----			
G -----0-----0--- -----0-----0--- -----0h2-----0h2- -0-----			
D -----2-----0--- -----0-----0--- -----0h2-----0h2- -0-----			
A -3-----3----- -3-----3----- ----- -2-----			
E ----- ----- -3----- -3-----			
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

other...



Strumming and Picking for Chorus #2:



G	Gsus4	G	Gsus4
E -----3-----3---	-----3-----3---	-----3-----3---	-----3-----3---
B -----0-----0---	-----1-----1---	-----0-----0---	-----1-----1---
G -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---
D -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---
A -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---
E -3-----3-----	-3-----3-----	-3-----3-----	-3-----3-----
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

“one _____ person they are two a lone... they are

G	Gsus4	G	F
E -----3-----3---	-----3-----3---	-----3-----3---	-----1-----1---
B -----0-----0---	-----1-----1---	-----0-----0---	-----1-----1---
G -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----2-----2---
D -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----3-----3---
A -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---
E -3-----3-----	-3-----3-----	-3-----3-----	-1-----1-----
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

“three _____ to _____ gether they are for _____ each

C	Csus2	G Riff	
E -----1-----1---	-----1-----1---	-----0h1-----0h1-	-----3-----3---
B -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0h2-----0h2-	-----0-----0---
G -----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---
D -----2-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---
A -----3-----3---	-----3-----3---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---
E -----3-----3---	-----3-----3---	-----3-----3---	-----3-----3---
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &	1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

other...