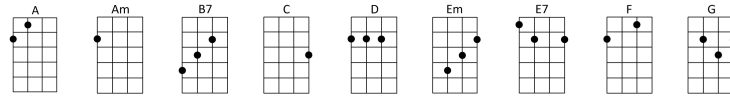


# KILLING ME SOFTLY

Key of Em Starting pitch G  
Intro

Written by Charles Fox & Norman Gimbel  
Recorded by Roberta Flack, 1973



## Chorus

[Em] Strumming my pain with his [Am] fingers  
[D] Singing my life with his [G] words  
[Em] Killing me softly with [A] his song  
Killing me [D] softly with [C] his song  
Telling my [G] whole life with [C] his words  
Killing me [F] softly... [F] with his [E7] song [E7]

[Am] [D] [Am] [D]

V1 [Am] I heard he [D] sang a good song  
[G] I heard he [C] had a style  
[Am] And so I [D] came to see him and  
[Em] listen for a while [Em]  
[Am] And there he [D] was this young boy  
[G] A stranger [B7] to my eyes

## Chorus

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[D] Singing my life with his [G] words  
[Em] Killing me softly with [A] his song  
Killing me [D] softly with [C] his song  
Telling my [G] whole life with [C] his words  
Killing me [F] softly... [F] with his [E7] song [E7]

V2 [Am] I felt all [D] flushed with fever  
[G] Embarrassed [C] by the crowd  
[Am] I felt he [D] found my letters and  
[Em] read each one out loud  
[Am] I prayed that [D] he would finish  
[G] But he just [B7] kept right on

## Chorus

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[D] Singing my life with his [G] words  
[Em] Killing me softly with [A] his song  
Killing me [D] softly with [C] his song  
Telling my [G] whole life with [C] his words  
Killing me [F] softly... [F] with his [E7] song [E7]

V3 [Am] He sang as [D] if he knew me

[G] In all my [C] dark despair  
[Am] And then he [D] looked right through me as  
[Em] if I wasn't there [Em]  
[Am] And he just [D] kept on singing  
[G] Singing [B7] clear and strong...

## Chorus

[Em] Strumming my pain with his [Am] fingers  
[D] Singing my life with his [G] words  
[Em] Killing me softly with [A] his song  
Killing me [D] softly with [C] his song  
Telling my [G] whole life with [C] his words  
Killing me [F] softly... [E7] E7/ Pause

## Chorus 2

[NC] He was [Em] strumming my pain  
[Am] Yeah he was  
[D] Singing my-y [G] life  
[Em] Killing me softly with [A] his song  
Killing me [D] softly with [C] his song  
Telling my [G] whole life with [C] his words  
Killing me [F] softly... [F] with his E7/ song  
(Slowing)