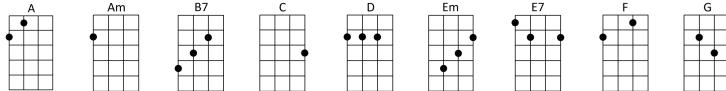


KILLING ME SOFTLY

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

[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]

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

[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]

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)