# Killing Me Softly With His Song

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**INTRO CHORUS: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[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 **[Fmaj7]↓** softly **[Fmaj7]↓**

With his **[E]↓** song **2 3 4 / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[Am7] / [D] / [Am7] / [D] /**

**[Am7] / [D] / [Am7] / [D] /**

**VERSE:**

**[Am7]** I heard he **[D]** sang a good song

**[G]** I heard he **[C]** had a style

**[Am7]** And so I **[D]** came to see him to **[Em]** listen for awhile **[Em7]**

**[Am7]** 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 **[Fmaj7]** softly **[Fmaj7]**

With his **[E]↓** song **2 3 4 / 1 2 3 4 /**

**VERSE:**

**[Am7]** I felt all **[D]** flushed with fever

**[G]** Embarrassed **[C]** by the crowd

**[Am7]** I felt he’d **[D]** found my letters

And **[Em]** read each one out **[Em7]** loud

**[Am7]** 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 **[Fmaj7]** softly **[Fmaj7]**

With his **[E]** song **[E]**

**VERSE:**

**[Am7]** He sang as **[D]** if he knew me

**[G]** In all my **[C]** dark despair

**[Am7]** And then he **[D]** looked right through me

As **[Em]** if I wasn't **[Em7]** there

**[Am7]** And he just **[D]** kept on singing

**[G]** Singin' **[B7]** clear and strong

**FINAL CHORUSES:**

**[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 **[Fmaj7]** softly **[Fmaj7]**

With his **[E]↓** song **2 3 4 / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[Em]** Oh-oh-**[Am]**oh, oh-oh

**[D]** Oh, oh-oh-oh-**[G]**oh

**[Em]** Lah-la-lah, la-**[A]**la-lah

Oh-**[D]**oh-oh, oh-**[C]**oh-oh

Lah-**[G]**a-ah, ah-**[C]**ah-ah-

**[Fmaj7]**-ah-**[Fmaj7]**-ah

**[E]↓** Lah-a-ah, ah-a-ah-a

**[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 **[Fmaj7]** me **(soft-[Fmaj7]ly)** **[E]↓** **2 3 4 / 1 2 3**

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 **[Fmaj7]** me, soft-**[Fmaj7]**ly, with his **[E]↓** song

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