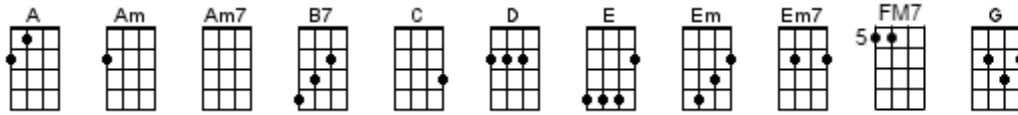# Killing Me Softly With His Song

Charles Fox, Norman Gimbel, Lori Lieberman 1971 (as recorded by Roberta Flack 1973)

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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