

YO' MAMA DONE GONE (Zach Thomas, 2013)

Intro (diminished) B, A, E, B7

1. (E)Gather 'round children, listen well.

Gotta story for you, not easy to (E7)tell.

(A7)Every generation has mountains to climb,

(E)But yours'll need a lot more courage than mine, so

(B7)Listen with your heart! Listen with your head!

(E)You're gonna need 'em (A)both (E)wherever you're (E7)led.

CHORUS

(A7)Hey, hey, baby turtles, on the beach all alone,

Keep on a-crawlin', 'cause yo' (E)mama done gone.

(A7)Hey, little turtles, You can't go back home.

(B7)The ocean is a-callin', And you're on your own.

I said (C)The ocean is a-callin' (C7...*hold*]

And yo' (A7)mama done (E)gone. (diminished) B, A, E, B7

2. (E)Immigrants and slaves helped build this country,

But you won't hear much about that on (E7)Sunday;

(A7)You won't hear the homeless guy shoutin' hallelujah,

(E)Even though he's sittin' there right next to ya'. 'Cause

(B7)The rich are on the soft pews, far from the poor,

(E)They don't wanna (A)worry 'bout a (E)stranger next door. A7, E, B7

3. (E)I trusted Walter Cronkite in my youth;

But now lying's easier than speaking the (E7)truth.

(A7)Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior was right,

(E)Said love can make a way without a fight.

(B7)Told us not to follow those who like to preach,

By (E)quoting more (A)verses on (E)war than (E7)peace.

CHORUS

BREAK...B7

4. (E)I swam in lakes, but yours are gettin' drier,
I drank right outta spigots, but yours are on (E7)fire.
(A7)I took for granted breathing fresh air,
(E)Not anymore, with smoke every where.
(B7)Time to stop movin' mountains for coal, and start
(E)Movin' poli(A)ticians who've (E)already been sold. A7, E, B7

5. (E)No use denying the globe is gettin' hotter,
It won't be long 'til we're fightin' for (E7)water.
(A7)And when the ice melts, we'll lose some cities,
(E)No use a-hanging your head in pity.
(B7)Walk hand in hand. Hold onto your honey.
(E)We're all in this (A)together on a (E)planetary journey. A7, E, B7

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6. (E)Now go do your homework. Get your facts straight.
Don't make stuff up to hit what you (E7)hate.
(A7)Keep dreaming of the earthly good you can do,
(E)For if you never dream it, it'll never come true.
(B7)You can find a way through the desert ahead,
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