

I'm A Believer (1966)

11/14/2021

key [G] artist: The Monkees. Writer: Neil Diamond

Guitar and bass set the tempo, Harmonica or kazoo at key places in the chorus to match the recording. Soloist sings the verses. Band sings the shaded lines as indicated

Intro: Three note intro on harmonica, followed by guitar riff.

[G] I thought love was [D] only true in [G] fairy tales
[G] Meant for someone [D] else but not for [G] me.
[C] Love was out to [G] get me (doo doot, doo [C] doo
[C] That's the way it [G] seemed. doo doot, doo [C] doo
[C] Disappointment [G] haunted all my [D] dreams. [Stop]

Chorus:

[NC] Then I saw her [G] face, [G] [C] [G]
now [C] I'm a [G] believer! [C] [G]
[C] Not a [G] trace [G] [C] [G]
of [C] doubt in my [G] mind. [C] [G]
[C] I'm in [G] love, [C] oohh (the ooooh should be sung on a G or E note)
Single strum these chords
I'm a be-[G] liever! I couldn't [F] leave her if I [D] tried.

[G] I thought love was [D] more or less a [G] given thing.
[G] Seems the more I gave [D] the less I [G] got
[C] What's the use in [G] trying? (doo doot, doo [C] doo)
[C] All you get is [G] pain. (doo doot, doo [C] doo)
[C] When I needed [G] sunshine I got [D] rain. [Stop]

[chorus]

Instrumental break on uke, guitar, kazoo and/or harmonica, band plays the chords SOFTLY

[G] [D] [G] [G]
[G] [D] [G] [G]

[C] Love was out to [G] get me, (doo doot, doo [C] doo)
[C] That's the way it [G] seemed. (doo doot, doo [C] doo)
[C] Disappointment [G] haunted all my [D] dreams. [Stop]

[chorus]

Soloist sings this final section up an octave.

Yes I saw her [G] face. [C] [G]
Now [C] I'm a [G] believer! [C] [G] (I'm a [G] believer!)
Not a [G] trace [C] [G]
of [C] doubt in my [G] mind. [C] [G]

I'm a [G] Believer! yah yah [C] yah yah [G] yah yah yah
[C] I'm a [G] Believer! [C] [G] (I'm a [G] believer!)

Outro:

Single strum this line Slow down tempo. Follow the soloist!

I'm a be-[G] liever, I couldn't [F] leave her if I [G] tried.

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Links:

<https://ozbcoz.com/Songs/song.php?ID=2189.baritone>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7SISw5KLMs>

Release History:

- 11/14/2021 CF revised portions of music to reflect original version
- 11/12/2021 The number of Dooos and Doots changed a bit to match the recording
In the chorus, the soloist sings the first part of the line, and the band sings the second
Follow the shading
- 9/6/2021
1. In the chorus, the soloist will sing "I'm in love" and the band echos "oooh". .
This harmony note is either a G or an E. Take your pick on which to sing.
 2. The last version showed that the chorus is sung twice before the octave jump.
The chorus should only be sung once before the octave jump. (typo)
 3. During the octave up section at the end, the chorus echoes with "I'm a Believer" on the first line.
- 8/23/2021
- 1, The last release included a couple of extra lines of text after the instrumental.
 2. In the chorus, single strum the chords of the last line.
Stop after that line, enabling the riff to be clearly heard:
"I'm a be-**[G]**liever, I couldn't **[F]** leave her if I**[D]** tried **[Stop]**"
- 8/21/2021 Rebuilt with performance notes, links and release history
Also included highlighted lines where band sings, tempo and instrumental info.
- 8/14/2021 Distributed a formatted version to the band with correct chords for instrumental