

I Know and You Don't

Dedicated to Paulo Friere

Am Dm7 E7 Am7
Freire: I know and you don't- but why do I know and you don't?
Am Dm E7 Am
 (A sparkle in their eyes told me I'd touched a waking thought.)
Eb Ab Bb Eb
Peasants: You know because you're a doctor sir- and we're not.
Ab Bb Cm
 (Like waves upon the sea heads nodded back.)
Am Dm7 E7 Am
Freire: You're right I'm a doctor- A doctor I am and you're not.
Am Dm E7 Am
 But why am I a doctor and you're not?
Eb Ab Bb Eb
Peasants: Because you've been to school- you've read and studied much.
Ab Bb Cm
 While we've stayed here and worked the humble land.
E7
Freire: But why have I been to school?
Am
Peasants: Your daddy sent you to school ours couldn't.
D7
Freire: And why couldn't your parents send you to school?
Gm
Peasants: Because they're peasants like us.
C7
Freire: And what is being a peasant right now?
Fm Fm#9 Fm7 F6
Peasants: Not owning anything, working from sun to sun, having no rights, no hope.
D#7 F#m
 Not having an education.
Bm Bm/A
Freire: And why doesn't a peasant have any of these things?
Bm/G#
Peasants: It's the will of God
GM7
Freire: And who is God?
F#m Em7
Peasants: The Father of us all?
D F# Bm GM7 D Bm
Freire: And who is a father here this evening- you sir- how many children do you have?
Asus A
Peasant: (He said) Three!
Bm Bm/A Bm/G#
Freire: Would you be willing to sacrifice two of them so the other one could
GM7 F#m Em
 go to school, have a good life- could you love your children that way?
Peasant: [Spoken] No!
D F# Bm
Freire: Well if you a person of flesh and blood could not do these things could
GM7 D Bm Asus
 God really be the cause of all this suffering and injustice?
Am
Peasants: [Spoken] No! God isn't the cause. It's the boss!
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