

**Ballad Of Youth**

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From the album "Stranger In This Town" (1990)  
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Someone requested this a while back. This is what I've figured out. See what you think

INTRO:

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e- |-----10-----10-----10-----10-----|
B- |-----10---10-----10---10-----10---10-----10---10---|
G- |---10-----10---10-----10---10-----10---10-----10---|
D- |--7-----7-----8-----8-----|
A- |-----|
E- |-----|

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e- |-----10-----10-----12-----12-----|
B- |-----10---10-----10---10-----10---10-----10---10---|
G- |---10-----10---10-----10---9-----9---9-----9---|
D- |-9-----9-----10-----10-----|
A- |-----|
E- |-----|

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e- |-----12-----12-----10-----10-----10-----|
B- |-----12---12-----12---12-----10---10-----10---10---10s12vzv--|
G- |---9-----9---9-----9-----9-----9-----9-----9---|
D- |-----|
A- |-----7-----|
E- |-0-----0-----|

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e- |-----|
B- |-----|
G- |-----|
D- |-----|
A- |---5vvvv---5vvvv---5vvvvv---5vvvvvv---|
E- |-0-----5-----0-----5-----|

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e- |-----|
B- |-----|
G- |---9---11---11b12vvr11---9-----|
D- |-----12---10---12b14vvr12vvvvvsss-|
A- |-----|
E- |-----|

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e- |-----|
B- |-----|
G- |---9---11---11b12vvr11---9-----|
D- |-----12---10---12b14vvr12vvvvvsss-|
A- |-----|
E- |-----|

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e- |---12---14---14b15vvr14---12-----|
B- |-----15---13---15b17vvr15vvvvvv-|
G- |-----|
D- |-----|
A- |-----|
E- |-----|

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And then slide down the neck and start playing the verses.  
 I think that you can pretty much just get away with chords  
 here. Anyway, that's all I know how to do at this point.  
 If anyone figures out any little lead parts to spruce this  
 up, let me know.

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E                                     A
Growing up today,  there's many mountains you must climb
C                                     D
You're not the only one,  'Cause everybody's on that line
E                                     A
Hey mister know it all,  what do you recommend?
C                                     D
You think you know the answers but the questions never end
  
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E5   F#5           G5   A5
Young hearts better hold on
C5           D5
Beyond the innocence your youth is gone
     E5           F#5
So look in your mirror
           G5           A5
You got nothing to lose
C5           D5
Don't waste your time away thinkin' 'bout yesterday's blues
  
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e-|-----|
B-|-----|
G-|---9---11--11b12vvrbl1--9-----|
D-|-----12--10--12b14vvrbl2vvvvvsss-|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|
  
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e-|---12--14--14b15vvrbl4--12h14p12-----|
B-|-----15--13--15b17vvrbl5vvvvvvv---|
G-|-----|
D-|-----|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|
  
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E                                     A
Born outta passion to a world gone cold
     C                                     D
You wear it on your shoulders,  it's a heavy, heavy load I know
E                                     A
Love and its emotions come knocking at your door
     C                                     D
Young hearts will be broken and time's the only cure
  
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E5   F#5           G5   A5
Young hearts better hold on
C5           D5
Beyond the innocence your youth is gone
     E5           F#5
So look in your mirror
           G5           A5
It'll tell you the truth
C5           D5
  
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Don't waste your time away thinkin' 'bout yesterday's blues

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e-|-----|
B-|-----|
G-|---9---11--11b12vvrbl1--9-----|
D-|-----12--10--12b14vvrbl2vvvvvsss-|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|

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e-|---12--14--14b15vvrbl4--12h14p12-----|
B-|-----15--13--15b17vvrbl15vvvvvv-|
G-|-----|
D-|-----|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|

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\*\*\* Sorry, I haven't figured out the solo \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* If anyone knows it, I'd really \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* appreciate the help. \*\*\*

(Guitar tacet)

Temptation makes us fall from grace

But the angels were sinners and the sinners saints

Forgive yourself cause we're all the same

Everybody rides on the karma train

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E5   F#5           G5   A5
Young hearts better hold on
C5                   D5
Beyond your innocence your youth is gone
E5   F#5           G5           A5
Look in you mirror, it'll tell you the truth
C5
Don't waste your time away
D5
Don't waste your life away, no, no
E5   F#5
Live today
      G5           A5
There's no time to lose
C5
Cause when tomorrow comes
D5
It's all just yesterday's news

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e-|-----|
B-|-----|
G-|---9---11--11b12vvrbl1--9-----|
D-|-----12--10--12b14vvrbl2vvvvvsss-|
A-|-----|
E-|-----|

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```

e-|-----|
B-|-----|
G-|---9---11--11b12vvrbl1--9-----|
D-|-----12--10--12b14vvrbl2vvvvvsss-|
A-|-----|

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E- |-----|
e- |---12--14--14b15vvrbl4--12h14p12-----|
B- |-----15--13--15b17vvrbl5vvvvvv---|
G- |-----|
D- |-----|
A- |-----|
E- |-----|

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e- |-----|
B- |-----9-----|
G- |---9---11--11b12vvrbl1--9---9-----|
D- |-----12---9-----|
A- |-----7-----|
E- |-----0-----|

```

```

e- |-----|
B- |-----|
G- |-----|
D- |-----|
A- |---5vvvv---5vvvv---5vvvvv---5vvvvvv---|
E- |-0-----5-----0-----5-----|

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Keep repeating  
this through to  
the end.

Right at the end:

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e- |--16b17rb16-12-----12--|
B- |-----12-----|
G- |-----14-13b14rb13-----|
D- |-----14-----|
A- |-----|
E- |-----|

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That's all I know of this one. I hope it's more or less accurate. Sorry about the lack of the solo. I may get around to it, I don't know.

BTW, I have also started Mr. Bluesman from this album. I know the basic chords, etc. Basically enough to go on except I don't know the solo. E-mail me if you'd like to see what I've got so far.

Correction, etc. (especially the addition of the solo) are strongly encouraged.  
Enjoy!