Don't Give Up

Words & Music: Peter Gabriel

Cm                    Bb/C    Cm       Bb/D    Eb          Ab/Eb    Eb
In this proud land we grew up strong. We were wanted all along.
Bb               Eb/Bb     Bb           Cm      Bb/C     Cm
I was taught to fight, taught to win, I never thought I could fail.

No fight left or so it seems, I am a man whose dreams have all deserted.
I've changed my face, I've changed my name, but no one wants you when you lose.

CHORUS:
Ab/F       Eb/G           Cm7/Ab
Ab/F       Eb/G           Cm7/Ab
Don't give up, 'cause you have friends. Don't give up, you're not beaten, yet.
Ab/F       Eb/G  Ab           Bb
Don't give up, I know you can make it good.

Though I saw it all around never thought I could be affected.
Thought that we'd be the last to go, it is so strange the way things turn.

Drove the night toward my home, the place that I was born, on the lakeside.
As daylight broke, I saw the earth, the trees had burned down to the ground.

CHORUS: [last line is:]
Ab/F       Eb/G       Ab                  Bm          Eb    Ab/Eb    Eb
Don't give up, 'cause somewhere there's a place where we belong.

BRIDGE:
Bb Eb/Bb Bb               Eb Ab/Eb Eb                  Bb Eb/Bb Bb
Rest your head------, you worry too much------, it's going to be alright.
Eb                            Ab      Eb
When times get rough, you can fall back on us,
Eb Bb Eb                    Ab/Eb Eb
Don't give up------, please, don't give up.
Eb                    Bb
Got to walk out of here, I can't take anymore.
Eb                        Ab
Going to stand on that bridge, keep my hands down below.
Eb                    Bb               Eb Bb        Eb     Ab/Eb Eb
Whatever may come and whatever may go, that river's flowing, that river's flowing.

Moved on to another town, tried hard to settle down
For every job, so many men, so many men no-one needs
CHORUS:  [with words given below]
Don't give up, 'cause you have friends.  
Don't give up, you're not the only one.  
Don't give up, no reason to be ashamed.  
Don't give up, you still have us.  
Don't give up, now, we're proud of who you are.  
Don't give up, you know it's never been easy.

Ab/F           Eb/G        Ab            Bb            Eb
Don't give up, 'cause I believe there's a place...there's a place where we belong

Cm           Eb        F        Cm
Don't give up, don't give up, don't give up.  [repeat as you will]

Pete Paluch tabbed this much of Tony Levin's bass line:

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D--10--8------------8-10- /  -  Slide Up
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