

The Great Pretender

Words & Music:

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You can, of course, play the easier version of any of these chords (i.e. D7 for Dsus4/7/9) and it will sound fine.

D Ddim D7

[n.c.] G9 D7/9 G9 G7/9 C9 C6/9 G9 G7/9
Oh---! Yes, I'm the great pretender. Pretending that I'm doing well.
C9 D/C G9 C9 G9 D7/9 G9 D7/9
My need is such, I pretend too much. I'm lonely, but no one can tell.

G9 Am9 G9 G7/9 C9 G9 G7/9
Oh! Yes, I'm the great pretender---, adrift in a world of my own.
C9 D/C G/B C#dim G9 D/C G9 G7/9
I play the game, but to my real shame, you've left me to dream all alone.

CHORUS:

C9 G9
Too real is the feeling of make-believe
C9 Am9 G9 D7/13 Dsus4/7/9
Too real when I feel what my heart can't conceal

G9 D7/9 G9 G7/9 C9 G9 G7/9
Oh! Yes, I'm the great pretender, just laughing and gay like a clown.
C9 D/C G/B C#dim G9 D/C E/G# Am6
I seem to be what I'm not, you see, I'm wearing my heart like a crown.
G9 D7/9 G9 G7/9.
Pretending that you're still around.

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