

# We Are The Champions

Words & Music:  
Freddie Mercury (Queen)

*You can sub the VI chord (Ab) for the IIIsus4 (EbSus4) chord. You can also sub C7sus4 for the Cm11 chord. Queen actually used the power chords given below (F5, A5, etc.), which conveys neither major nor minor. However, I've seen versions of this song where people have subbed minor chords for the power chords. You can find complete transcriptions of this in the May 2005 issue of Guitar One and in the Guitar World special on the group Queen.*

Cm Gm7/C Cm Cm Gm7/C Cm  
I've paid my dues----- time after time.  
I've done my sentence, but committed no crime.  
Cm Eb Ebsus4 Eb Eb Ebsus4  
And bad mistakes----- I've made a few.  
Eb5 Bb/D C5 F Bb5  
I've had my share of sand kicked in my face, but I've come through!  
Bb5 C5  
And I need to go on and on and on and on!

CHORUS:

F5 A5 D5 Bb5 C5/G  
We are the champions, my friend.  
F5 A5 Bb5 F#dim D/F#  
And we'll keep on fighting 'til the end.  
G5 C/G Bb5 Dbdim7  
We are the champions, we are the champions.  
F5 Ebadd9/G Fm/Ab Bb Cm11  
No time for losers, 'cause we are the champions of the world.

Fm Gm7/C [repeat 3x]

I've taken my bows and my curtain calls.  
You brought me fame and fortune and everything that goes with it,  
I thanked you all.  
But it's been no bed of roses; no pleasure cruise.  
I consider it a challenge before all human race and I'd never lose!  
And the meters go on and on and on and on.

CHORUS: [end on the Cm11 chord]