

Sledgehammer

Words & Music:
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Officially, this was in Eb, not C, but C is a better key for guitars. You can capo 3 if you want to play along in the original key.

Dm Bb7 G7 A7 | D C D C D C D C

[n.c.] D C D C D C D
You could have a stream train-----, if you'd just lay down your tracks.
C D C D C D C D
You could have an aero-plane, flying, If you bring your blue sky back.

BRIDGE 1:

C Bm D C D C [stop chord]
All you do is call me, I'll be anything you need.

You could have a big dipper, Going up and down, a-round the bends.
You could have a bumper car, bumping, This a-musement never ends.

CHORUS:

Bm7 C Em7 Bm7 C Em7 Bm7 C
I wanna be----, your sledgehammer----. Why don't you call my name?
Em7 Bm7 C Em7
Oh, let me be, your sledgehammer----. This will be my testimony.
D C D C D C D C [stop chord]
Yeah, sledge. Yeah, sledge.

Show me round your fruitcage, 'Cos I will be your honey bee.
Open up your fruitcage, Where the fruit is as sweet as can be.

CHORUS: [new words]

I wanna be----, your sledgehammer----. Why don't you call my name?
You'd better call The Sledgehammer. Put your mind at rest.
I'm gonna be The Sledgehammer. This can be my testimony.
Yeah! I'm your sledgehammer. Let there be no doubt about it.
Dm A7 Dm Bb7 G7 Dm Bb7 G7
Sledge, sledge, sledgehammer. Get ready!

OUTRO:

Dm

I've kicked the habit, (I've kicked the habit),

Bb7 G7 [etc.]

Shed my skin, (shed my skin).

This is the new stuff, (this is the new stuff),

I go dancing in, we go dancing in. Oh, won't you...

Show for me, (show for me),

I will show for you, (show for you).

Show for me, (show for me),

I will show for you, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

I do mean you, only you,

You've been coming through, going to build that power.

Build, build, build, build, build that power.

Dm

I've been feeding my rhythm,

Bb7

I've been feeding the rhythm.

G7

Going to feel that power, hey...

Dm

Build in you, come on, come on help me do.

Bb7

Come on, come on help me do.

G7

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, you!

Dm

I've been feeding my rhythm,

Bb7

I've been feeding my rhythm.

G7

It's what we're doing, doing all day and night.

[ad lib and out]