

A Lighthouse's Tale

Key of G

Nickel Creek (2000)

Note: Chuck all Verses

Warmup: [Em]X [G]X [D]X [D]X

Intro:

[Em] [G] [D] [D]X

Verse (chuck):

I am a [Em] lighthouse,
[G] worn by the weather and the [D] waves.
I keep my [Em] lamp lit,
to [G] warn the sailors on their [D] way.
I'll tell a [Em] story,
[G] paint you a picture from my [D] past.
I was so [Em] happy,
but [G] joy in this life seldom [D] lasts. [D]/

Instrumental (same as intro, no chuck)

[Em] [G] [D] [D]X

Verse (chuck):

I had a [Em] keeper, he [G] helped me
warn the ships at [D] sea.
We had grown [Em] closer, 'til [G] his joy
meant everything to [D] me.
And he was to [Em] marry, a [G] girl who
shone with beauty and [D] light.
And they loved [Em] each other, and [G] with me
watched the sunsets into [D] night. [D]/

Chorus (no chuck, slower tempo):

And the [C] waves crashing [Bm] around me,
the [A#] sand slips [C] out to [D] sea.
And the [C] winds that blow [Bm] remind me,
of what has [Em]/ been, [F#m]/ [G]/ [A]/
and what can never [D] be.

Instrumental (same as intro, no chuck)

[Em] [G] [D] [D]X

Verse (chuck):

She'd had to [Em] leave us,
my [G] keeper prayed for a safe [D] return.
But when the [Em] night came,
the [G] weather to a raging storm had [D] turned.
He watched her [Em] ship fight,
but in [G] vain against the wild and terrible [D] wave.
In me so [Em] helpless, as [G] dashed
against the rock she met her [D] end. [D]/

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[Em] [G] [D] [D]X

Verse (chuck):

Then on the [Em] next day,
my [G] keeper found her washed up on the [D] shore.
He kissed her [Em] cold face,
that [G] they'd be together soon he'd [D] swore.
I saw him [Em] crying,
[G] watched as he buried her in the [D] sand.
And then he [Em] climbed my tower,
and [G] off of the edge of me he [D] ran. [D]/

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Instrumental (same as intro, no chuck)

[Em] [G] [D] [D]X

Outro (chuck):

I am a [Em] lighthouse,
[G] worn by the weather and the [D] waves.
And though I'm [Em] empty,
I [G] still warn the sailors on their [D] way.
[Em]/ [F#m]/ [G]/