

VIVA LA VIDA

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(♩=138)

D_b2 A_bsus/E_b A_b Fm

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I used to

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rule the world, — seas would rise when I gave the word. — Now, in the morn-ing I

sempre marc.

D_b2 A_bsus/E_b A_b Fm

sweep alone, — sweep the streets I used to own. —

D \flat A \flat sus/E \flat A \flat Fm

D \flat A \flat sus/E \flat A \flat Fm
I used to

D \flat A \flat sus/E \flat A \flat Fm
roll the dice, — feel the fear in my en - e - my's eyes, — lis-ten as the

D \flat A \flat sus/E \flat A \flat Fm
crowd — would sing; — "Now the old king is dead! — Long live The King!" One min -ute I

D♭ A♭sus/E♭ A♭ Fm

cas - tles stand _____ up - on pil - lars of sand, - pil - lars of sand. I

D♭ A♭sus/E♭ A♭ Fm

(Be my mirror, my sword — and shield, — my missionaries in a foreign field.)

D♭ A♭sus/E♭ A♭ Fm

For some reason I can't explain, once you go there was never, never an hon-

D♭ A♭sus/E♭ A♭ Fm

- est word; that was when I ruled the world.

D♭ A♭sus/E♭ A♭ Fm

It was a wicked and

D♭ A♭sus/E♭ A♭ Fm

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D_b A_{bsus/E_b} A_b F_m

wild _____ wind _____ blew down the doors to let me in. Shat - tered win - dows and the

D_b A_{bsus/E_b} A_b F_m

sound _____ of drums; peo - ple could - n't be - lieve - what I'd - be - come. Rev - o - lu - tion-

D_b A_{bsus/E_b} A_b F_m

ar - - ies wait - for my head on a sil - ver plate, - just a pup - pet on a

D_b A_{bsus/E_b} A_b F_m

lone - - ly string. - Oh, who would ev - er want to be king? - I

D_b **A_bsus/E_b** **A_b** **F_m**

hear Je - ru - sa - lem bells — are ring - ing. — Ro - man cav - al - ry choirs — are sing - ing: —

D_b **A_bsus/E_b** **A_b** **F_m**

“Be my mir - ror, my sword — and shield, — my mis - sion - ar - ies in a for - eign field.”

D_b **A_bsus/E_b** **A_b** **F_m** *to Φ*

For some rea - son I can't — ex - plain I know St. Pe - ter won't call — my name. — Nev - er

D_b **A_bsus/E_b** **A_b** **F_m**

an hon - est word, — but that was when I — ruled the world. —

D_b Fm D_b Fm D_b

Fm E_{flat}sus D_bmaj7 A_{flat}sus/E_b

Whoa, _____ whoa, _____

A_b Fm D.S. al Coda Coda D_bmaj7 A_{flat}sus/E_b

whoa, _____ an hon - est word, _____ but that was

Repeat & fade

Cm7 Fm D_bmaj7 E_b7 Cm7 Fm

when I _____ ruled the world. _____ Oo _____