

Treading Water

Music and Lyrics by Emily Asen

Open C Tuning

(h) Hammer On (p) Pull Off

INTRO / VERSE x6 / CHORUS / VERSE x6 / CHORUS x2 / VERSE / BRIDGE /
VERSE x5 / CHORUS x2 / OUTRO (repeat until the end)

INTRO / BRIDGE & OUTRO (use these chords, but different strumming pattern)

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E|--17-----17--12-----0-----0--0--0-----0-----0p0--  
B|--0-----0--0--0-----4-----7--4--4-----4h5p4--2p0--  
G|--0-----0--0--0-----5-----7--5--5-----5-----2p0--  
D|--0-----0--0--0-----0-----0--0--0-----0-----0p0--  
A|--0-----0--0--0-----0--0-----0-----0-----  
E|--17-----17--12-----
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E|--5-----5--0--0-----0--0--0-----0-----0p0--  
B|--0-----0--4--4-----7--4--4-----4h5p4--2p0--  
G|--0-----0--5--5-----7--5--5-----5-----2p0--  
D|--0-----0--0--0-----0--0--0-----0-----0p0--  
A|--0-----0--0--0-----0-----0-----0-----  
E|--5-----5--0-----
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VERSE (play as written or strum – you can play this pattern many ways)

“Don’t remember the day...”

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E|-----0-----0-----7-----  
B|-----0-----0-----0-----  
G|-----2-----2--5-----5--7-----7--  
D|-----0-----0--0-----0-----0--  
A|--0h2-----2-----0h2--5--5-----5-----  
E|-----7-----7-----7-----
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E|-----8--8--8--  
B|-----0--0--0--  
G|-----7-----7--7--  
D|-----0-----0--0--  
A|-----0--0--  
E|--5-----5-----5--
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CHORUS

“You can’t be the only thing...”

E|-----5-----5-----0-----0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--
 B|-----5-----5-----4-----4--4--0--5--5--4--4--5--5--4--2--
 G|-----0-----0-----5-----5--5--0--5--5--5--5--5--5--5--2--
 D|-----0-----0--0--0-----0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--
 A|-----0-----0--0--0-----0--0-----
 E|--5-----5--0-----

E|-----0-----0-----5-----5--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--
 B|-----0-----0-----5-----5--0--5--5--4--4--5--5--4--2--
 G|-----2-----2-----0-----0--0--5--5--5--5--5--5--5--2--
 D|-----0-----0-----0-----0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--
 A|--2-----2-----0-----0--0-----
 E|-----5-----5--0-----

LYRICS:

Verse I:

I don’t remember the day my heart suddenly had nothing to say
 like a pink seashell where the sounds of emotion dissipate
 this little leaky valve is hemorrhaging hope into the streets
 and I’m just not comfortable with the world knowing all my dreams

Chorus:

You can’t be the only thing keeping me afloat
 If I’ve been treading water this long, just leave me alone

Verse II:

Too many tails I’ve chased, I spin myself ‘round and around
 Keeping comfortable, a quick transition back into my old self
 Too many lies I’ve told to keep the world at bay
 Too many souls I’ve sold to touch the stars in a time of need

Chorus:

You can’t be the only thing keeping me afloat
 If I’ve been treading water this long, just leave me alone
 You can’t be the only thing keeping me awake
 If I’ve been hearing voices this long, I must have lost my way

Verse III:

It’d be better to swim than to drop sail and sink
 But I have no destination or place to leave
 Don’t know where I’ll go, don’t know where I’ll drop my feet
 But I would rather be drowning and know you’re free

Chorus:

You can't be the only thing keeping me afloat
If I've been treading water this long, I gotta make it on my own
You can't be the only thing keeping me awake
If I've been hearing voices this long, I gotta find my own way... away

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