

VIVA LA VIDA

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Chords: D \flat , A \flat sus4/E \flat , A \flat , Fm

Lyrics:
1. I used to rule the world, Seas would rise when I gave the word.
Now in the morning I sweep a-lone, sweep the streets I used to own.

Performance Instructions:
mf, simile, 1., 2.

2. *S*

D \flat *Absus4/E \flat* *A \flat* *Fm*

I used to roll the dice, — feel the fear in my en - e-mies eyes, —
 2. It was a wicked and wi - ld wind — blew down the doors — to let me in. —

D \flat *Absus4/E \flat*

lis - ten as the crowd — would sing: — “Now the
 Shat-tered win-dows and the sound — of drums, — Peo - ple

A \flat *Fm* *D \flat* *Absus4/E \flat*

old king is dead! — Long live the king!” One min-ute I held the key, — next the
 could-n't be lieve — what I'd be-come. Rev - o-lu-tion - ar - ies wait — for my

A \flat *Fm* *D \flat* *Absus4/E \flat*

walls — were closed on me and I dis-cov-ered that my cas - tles stand — up-on
 head on a sil - ver plate. — Just a pup-pet on a lone - ly string, — Oh

Ab Fm Chorus Db Eb sus4

pil - lars of sand, — pil-lars of sand. ; I hear Je - ru - sa - lem bells — are ring - ing. .
 who would ev - er want to be king? —

Ab Fm Db

Ro - man cav - al - ry choirs — are sing - ing: — "Be my mir - ror, my sword —

Eb sus4 Ab Fm Db

— and shield, — my mis - sion - ar - ies in a for - eign field." — For some rea - son I can't —

Eb add4 Cm7 Fm

— ex - plain, — I once you go, there was nev - er, nev - er an hon - name. Nev - er

D \flat E \flat sus4 A \flat Fm To Coda \oplus

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

D \flat A \flat sus4/E \flat A \flat Fm D \flat

mf

A \flat sus4/E \flat A \flat D.S. $\text{\textcircled{S}}$ al Coda Fm

Coda \oplus D \flat Fm 1. A \flat Fm

2. Ebsus4 D♭ Absus4/E♭

Oh _____ Oh _____

A♭ Fm D♭ Ebsus4

Oh _____ Oh _____

Hear Je - ru - sa - lem bells _ are ring - ing,

A♭ Fm

(Oh 2' continuo)

Ro - man cav - al - ry choirs _____ are sing - ing:

D \flat E \flat sus4A \flat

Fm

"Be my mir-ror my sword _ and shield _ my mis-sion-ar - ies in a for - eign field. _

D \flat E \flat add4A \flat

Fm

("Oh" end)

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

D \flat E \flat add4

Cm7

Fm

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

D \flat maj7E \flat dim

Cm7

Fm

fade out

Oo _