

# Pretending

by Jerry Lynn Williams (performed by Eric Clapton)

Piano intro, a few drum hits, then guitar solo around verse chords (lick 1\*)

E5

How many times must we tell the tale?

G/E

How many times must we fall?

A/E

Living in lost memory

E5

You just recalled (lick 1, guitar only)

Working on the sound of the band (2 part harmony)

Trying to get the music right

Two go out working

Three stay home at night (lick 2)

A E D

That's when she said she was pretending

A E D

Like she knew the plan

A E D

That's when I knew she was pretending

A E D

Pretending to understand

E5 Em7

Pretending, pretending

A E

Pretending, pretending (2nd time, repeat 'pretending' part before solo)

(second time guitar solo here)

Satisfied but lost in love (2 part harmony)

Situations change (2 part harmony)

You're never who you used to think you are

How strange (lick 2)

Chorus

I get lost in alibis

Sadness can't prevail

Everybody knows strong love

Can't fail (lick 2)

Don't be pretending about how you feel (3 part harmony when singing)

Don't be pretending that your love is real (the word 'pretending')

Don't be pretending about how you feel

Don't be pretending that your love is real

E5 Em7

Pretending, pretending

A E5

Pretending, pretending

\* lick 1 = E D B A G E E (octave lower)

\* lick 2 = A B D B G D E

Notes: E5 may be E maj or E min, it isn't clear. The rhythm plays E5 and the solo sometimes plays major 3rd sometimes minor 3rd.

Also, it's not clear if the Em7 is an Em7 or a G with an E in the bass.