

# Heart of Darkness

**Background:** Apocalypse Now is my favorite movie. It is loosely based on the famous but old book Heart of Darkness, which despite its popularity and influence was never successfully adapted into a movie, until Apocalypse Now. (There may have been one attempt in the 30s that didn't succeed.)

This song is based on the book and movie with themes and quotes from both. It's really just a poem set to music. As in the movie, TS Elliot's poem "The Hollow Men" is worked in. The poem was written based on the book and contains references.

**Written:** 2023

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	Am	4/4	Standard	130	Folk / Acoustic Rock	None

<b>Arrangement</b>	1
<b>Intro</b>	
<b>Verse</b>	Am Em G D Am C Dm E
<b>Chorus</b>	G D Em C Dadd9 Em

## Chords Used in this Song

Am	Em	G	D	C	Dm	Dadd9
x 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	x 0 0 0 0 0	x 0 0 0 0 0	x 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0

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## Verse

**Am**

Going up the river

**Em**

My eyes forget to blink

**G**

Staying loyal to my nightmare

**D**

Chasing sanity to the brink

**Am**

Thinking about an enigma

**C**

Like a whisper from a mute

**Dm**

My finger lives on the pulse

**E**

With determination resolute

## Chorus

**G**

In this heart of darkness

**D**

A conflict oscillates

**Em**

Alone we live

**C**

Alone we dream

**Dadd9 Em**

Into depths we penetrate

## Verse

**Am**

Further up the river

**Em**

To a deity adored

**G**

The whisper echoed loudly

**D**

We are all hollow at the core

**Am**

The fog hid their motives

**C**

But in every bush were wide eyes

**Dm**

Arrows rained down on us

**E**

A warning for what ahead lies

**Chorus**

**G**

In my heart of darkness

**D**

Good and evil reside

**Em**

The roads diverge

**C**

One to primal urge

**Dadd9 Em**

Only a thin line divides

**Verse**

**Am**

Returning down river we pass

**Em**

A crop of unextinguishable\* regrets

**G**

Like lightning we live in the flicker

**D**

And Mistah Kurtz – he dead

**Am**

Neither violence nor acceptance

**C**

Does extreme grief conclude

**Dm**

Instead apathy sets in

**E**

Indifference brings solitude

**Chorus**

**G**

In your heart of darkness

**D**

There's mortality in lies

**Em**

Horror abounds

**C**

Methods unsound

**Dadd9 Em**

It's fear that deifies

**Chorus**

**G**

In our hearts of darkness

**D**

We are all such hollow men

**Em**

With a whimper

**C**

Not a bang

**Dadd9 Em**

The world comes to an end

\*(sic)

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