

Blood on the Rose

Background: Written in the mid-90s and only found recently on my computer, it's hard to remember what inspired this song. I do remember that some influence came from Joan Osborne's cover of Bob Dylan's "The Man in the Long Black Coat", as the music and tempo are similar, and that her debut album was big at the time. Maybe there's some of Bruce's "The River" in there too. It's a dark song, particularly given the age I was when I wrote it. It's not a personal experience, but maybe that's the disturbing part.

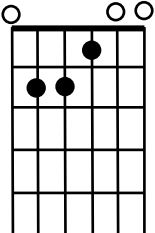
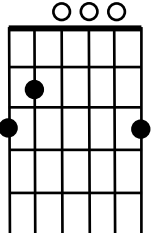
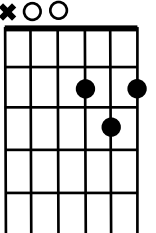
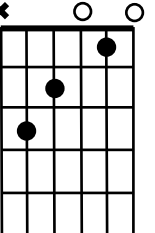
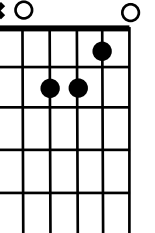
Written: 1995

| Arr. | Key | Time | Tuning | Tempo | Style | Capo |
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| 1 | E | 4/4 | Standard | 120 | Folk | None |

Folk strumming with hard beats on the 1 and 3.

| Arrangement | 1 |
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| Intro | Am G D |
| Verse | E G D C E G D C E |
| Chorus | Am G D C Am G D C E |
| Bridge | G D Am C x2 |
| Ending | E G D C E |

Chords Used in this Song

| E | G | D | C | Am | |
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Verse

E

There's a house on the hill

G

Where nobody goes

D

There's a woman inside

C

That nobody knows

E

She stares out the window

G

So silent and cold

D

Her eyes tell the secrets

C

E

Her heart wants to hold

Verse

E

In the house on the hill

G

A man rises slow

D

There's a smile on his face

C

As he puts on his clothes

E

He'll never repay

G

The debts that he owes

D

There's a victim tonight and

C

G

Blood on the rose

Chorus

Am

Blood on her hands

G
Blood on her clothes
D
Blood on the man
C
Who she never chose
Am
She waits by the window
G
She feels her eyes close
D
There's silence tonight
C **E**
And blood on the rose

Verse

E
There's a house on the hill
G
Where nobody goes
D
There's a child inside
C
That he'll never know
E
She sleeps like an angel
G
Hypnotic her pose
D
There's a child alive and
C **E**
Blood on the rose

Chorus

Am
Blood on her hands
G
Blood on her clothes
D
Blood on the man

C
Who she never chose
Am
She waits by the window
G
She feels her eyes close
D
There's silence tonight
C **E**
And blood on the rose

Bridge

G
No time for winners
D
No time for heroes
Am
All bets are off and
C
All trust erodes
G
All enemies unite
D
All friends are foes
Am
There's violence tonight and
C **E**
Blood on the rose

Verse

E
There's a painful reminder
G
Wherever she goes
D
She carries their secret
C
Down every road
E
The wind like a whisper

G

So softly it blows

D

There's a cry in the night and

C

E

Blood on the rose

Chorus

Am

Blood on her hands

G

Blood on her clothes

D

Blood on the man

C

Who she never chose

Am

She waits by the window

G

She feels her eyes close

D

There's silence tonight

C

E

And blood on the rose

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That nobody knows
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Verse

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Chorus

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| <p>Verse: E G D C E G D C E</p> | <p>Chorus: Am G D C Am G D C E</p> | <p>Bridge: G D Am C x2</p> |
| <p>Verse 1 There's a house on the hill Where nobody goes There's a woman inside That nobody knows She stares out the window So silent and cold Her eyes tell the secrets Her heart wants to hold</p> | <p>Verse 3 There's a house on the hill Where nobody goes There's a child inside That he'll never know She sleeps like an angel Hypnotic her pose There's a child alive and Blood on the rose</p> | <p>Verse 4 There's a painful reminder Wherever she goes She carries their secret Down every road The wind like a whisper So softly it blows There's a cry in the night and Blood on the rose</p> |
| <p>Verse 2 In the house on the hill A man rises slow There's a smile on his face As he puts on his clothes He'll never repay The debts that he owes There's a victim tonight and Blood on the rose</p> | <p>Chorus 2 Blood on her hands Blood on her clothes Blood on the man Who she never chose She waits by the window She feels her eyes close There's silence tonight And blood on the rose</p> | <p>Chorus 3 Blood on her hands Blood on her clothes Blood on the man Who she never chose She waits by the window She feels her eyes close There's silence tonight And blood on the rose</p> |
| <p>Chorus 1 Blood on her hands Blood on her clothes Blood on the man Who she never chose She waits by the window She feels her eyes close There's silence tonight And blood on the rose</p> | <p>Bridge No time for winners No time for heroes All bets are off and All trust erodes All enemies unite All friends are foes There's violence tonight and Blood on the rose</p> | |