Wristband Chords by Paul Simon



"Wristband"

From the album, "Stranger to Stranger"

+You may also play at Capo 6, using the chords A7, Am7, Em7. Transpose to -6 and enjoy+

[Intro]

| 4 measures

Em7

[Verse 1]

E7

I stepped outside the backstage door to breathe some nicotine

And maybe check my mailbox, see if I can read the screen

Then I heard a click, the stage door lock

E7

I knew just what that meant

I'm gonna have to walk around the block if I wanna get it in

[Chorus]

Em7

Wristband, my man, you got to have a wristband

E7

If you don't have a wristband, my man, you don't get through the door

Wristband, my man, you got to have a wristband

And if you don't have a wristband, my man, you don't get through the door

[Verse 2]

E7

I can't explain it, I don't know why my heart beats like a fist

When I meet some dude with an attitude saying "hey, you can't do that, or this"

And the man was large, a well-dressed six-foot-eight

And he's acting like Saint Peter standing guard at the pearly...

[Chorus]

Em7

Wristband, my man, you got to have a wristband

E7

If you don't have a wristband, my man, you don't get through the door

And I said "Wristband? I don't need a wristband

My axe is on the bandstand, my band is on the floor"

I mean it's just...

[Interlude] | 16 measures

Bm7

Do do do dee do do

E7

Dee do do, wristband

Bm7

Do do do dee do do

E7

Dee do do, wristband

Bm7

Do do do dee do do

E7

Dee do do, wristband

Bm7

Do do do dee do do

E7

Dee do do, wristband

Bm7

Di di li

E7

Wristband

Bm7

Di di li

E7

Wristband

Bm7

Di di li

E7

Wristband

Bm7

Di di li

[Verse 3]

Em7

The riots started slowly with the homeless and the lowly

Then they spread into the heartland towns that never get a wristband

Kids that can't afford the cool brand whose anger is a short-hand F7

For you'll never get a wristband and

if you don't have a wristband then
Bm7

you can't get through the door

[Outro] | 16 measures

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door, no

(Wristband)

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door, no

(Wristband)

E7

(Wristband)

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door,

no

(Wristband)

E7 Bm7

No you can't get through the door,

no

(Wristband)

E7

(Wristband)

Bm7 E7

Wristband