

Swift Guitar Lessons

"Thin Air" By Pearl Jam

Standard Tuning | 100 BPM | Album: Binaural | Released May, 2000 | Label: Epic Records



Intro: E ///|///|///|///|///|

Verse 1:

E
C
E
 There's a light when my baby's in my arms
E
C
E
 There's a light when the window shades are drawn
E
C
E
 Hesitate when I feel I may do harm to her
E
C
E
 Wash it off cause this feeling we can share

Chorus 1:

C
D
A
E
 And I know she's reached my heart... In thin air

Instrumental:

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e |-----0-----|
B |---0-2---2---0h2-0---|
G |-3-----3-----2---0h1-0h1---|
D |-----2-----2-----2---|
A |-----/4-----2---|
E |-----0-----|
  
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Verse 2:

E
C
E
 Byzantine is reflected in our pond
E
C
E
 There's a cloud, but the water remains calm
E
C
E
 Reaching in the suns fingers clutch the dawn to pass
E
C
E
 Even out, it's a precious thing to bear.

Chorus 2:

C
D
A
E
 And I know she's reached my heart... In thin air
C
D
A
E
 And I know she's reached my heart... In thin air

Suggested Strumming

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

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Chords Needed

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Bridge:

F **C** **G**
 It's not in my past to presume
 D **A**
 Love can keep on moving, in both directions
F **C** **G**
 How to be happy and true
 D **A**
 Is the quest we're taking on together

Breakdown:

E
 Taking on, on, on, on, on...
E **B** //// | //// |
 Taking on, on, on, on, on...

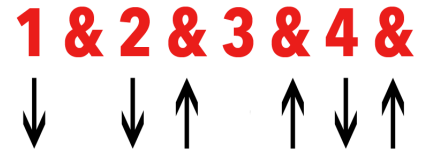
Pre-chorus:

B **G** **B**
 There's a light when my baby's in my arms...

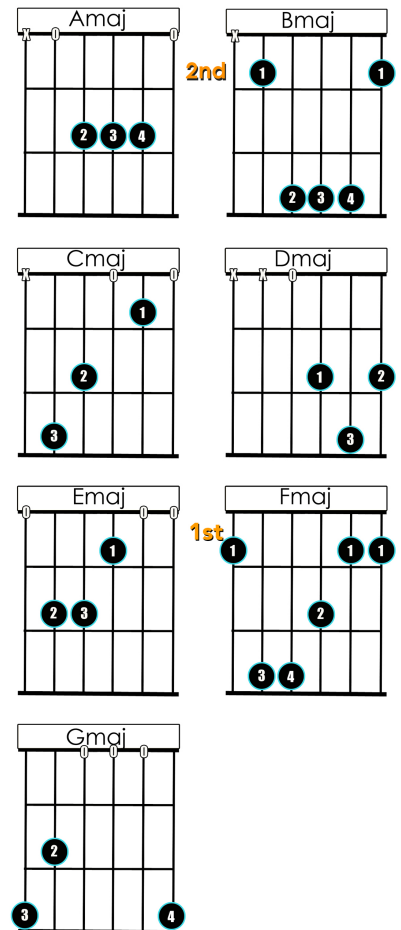
Chorus 3:

G **A** **E** **B**
 And I know she's reached my heart... In thin air
G **A** **E** **B**
 And I know she's reached my heart... In thin air
G **A** **E** **B**
 And I know she's reached my heart... In thin air
G **A** **E**
 And I know she's reached my heart...

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Chords Needed



Composition Notes:

Pearl Jam's "Thin Air" is truly an example of high-level songwriting, featuring a wide variety of musical devices. One of the most intriguing details is in songwriter Stone Gossard's ability to combine elements from the common major scale with eastern scales. With the help of a key-change, he was able to avoid the use of minor chords all together. For beginner guitar players, this is this is the perfect tune for practicing those essential major chord shapes.