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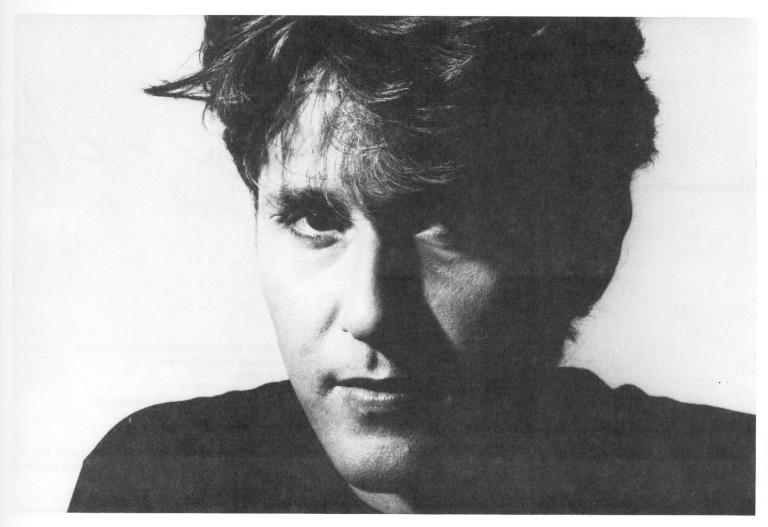
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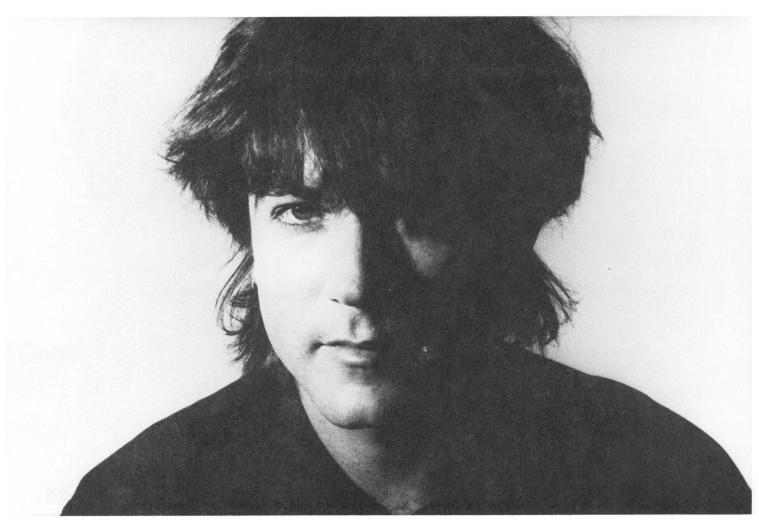
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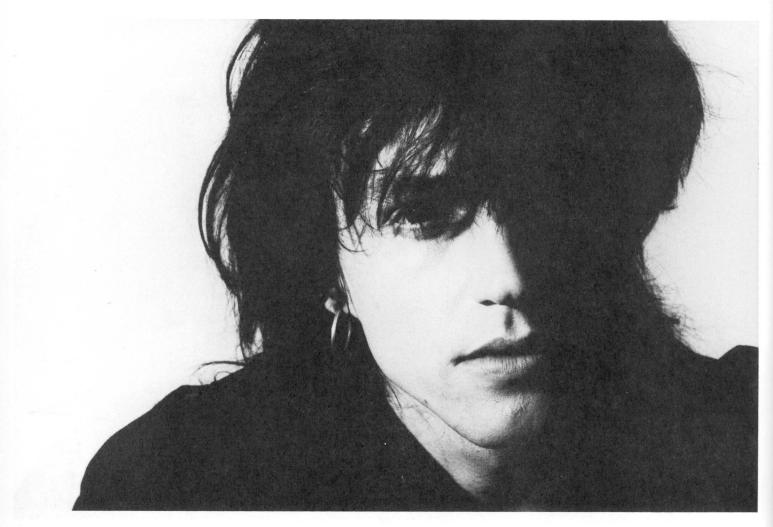
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Introduction

Textural music in the rock/pop genre has become increasingly important and abundant since the late 1970's. Having made its initial impact on the scene with the sounds of Andy Summers (of the Police), it has subsequently evolved into a school of thought in music performance and production charterized by impressionistic tone colors, exploration of effects use and a minimalistic, ego-less approach to composition and solo playing. These elements are found in the work of players as diverse as Steve Stevens (Billy Idol), the Edge (U2), Warren Cuceurullo (Missing Persons) and bands like Big Country, the Cars and Duran Duran. These techniques are very much a part of *Starfish*, the 1988 album by The Church. Their music is atmospheric, hypnotic and melodic rock with a mainstream pop/dance feel, a la the English Beat style of Brian Ferry or Tears For Fears.

The Church utilize a variety of guitar timbres and sonic effects (electronic,, mechanical and physical). Consider the colorful introduction of "Destination" with its distinctive fingerplucked colors (Rhy. Fig. 1: Gtr. I) and volume swells (in the course of Riff A: Gtr. II), or the palm muted ostinato (Riff A) and slurred perfect fourth diads (Riff B) of the opening measures of "Blood Money." The guitar part in the interlude of "North, South, East and West" has vintage amplifier tremolo tastefully incorporated into the sonic tapestry, while the guitar solo in "Under the Milky Way" is tinted with the subtle filtering of the wah-wah pedal. Heavily chorused arpeggiated chords can be heard in the intro of "Lost" (Rhy. Fig. 1: Gtr. I), and the use of delay (echo repeats) animates the rhythm of the verse and intro guitar phrase (Riff A). Guitar tones vary from extremely clean and twangy to distorted and processed. In this sense, The Church tend to use the guitar tones as a painter uses hues to create moods based entirely on the contrast and exposition of the raw materials...an approach which generates a whole greater than the sum of the parts.

Guitar orchestration, an important aspect of modern rock, is well displayed throughout Starfish. The individual guitar parts (Riffs and Rhythm Figures) seem to have been conceived with their orchestral manipulation in mind. A thicker, layered sonic effect is the result of compact and simple guitar parts which interlock and leave holes for each other to fill. These concepts of density and space as musical materials - equally as significant as tonality, harmony and melody - are specific criteria of the modern textural rock school. In the intro to "North, South, East and West," Gtr. I's part (Rhy. Fig. 1) is constructed of a repeating chordal idea which is drone-like in nature. Gtr. II's part (Riff A) supplies the orchestral ingredient by first extending the chord voicing (note the higher voicing in perfect 4ths and 5ths of the Csus2) and then providing a more active rhythmical part over the Am7sus4 chord of a constant 16th note counterline (note the use of the E minor pentatonic scale over the background Am7 chord). Similarly, the guitar orchestration/layering ethic can be heard in the intros to "Hotel Womb," "Reptile," "Destination" and more. As you experience this music, the technique becomes more apparent and recognizable.



Like most modern textural rock, the music on Starfish is distinctly modal conventional key signatures, modulations and tonal practices are discarded in favor of harmonic openness and a feeling of suspension and space in chord movement. Without a clearly defined leading tone and its insistent resolution, the musical elements (particularly chordal structures) can float unresolved, drone polychordally or be suitable for a wide variety of pandiatonic applications. Note the mixed modes of "Destination": A Aeolian in the intro, F Lydian in the verse, and B Aeolian and F Lydian in the chorus. Also of particular interest is the curious modal sound of "Antenna." Here the haunting and repetitious chord pattern of Dm, Gsus2, Csus2 F6/9 (Rhy. Fig. 1) establishes a Dorian mode "tonal" center and the folkish 12/8 rhythm feel lends a pastoral quality of Celtic antiquity (found similarly in the Anglo-folk pieces of Jimmy Page, Bert Jansch and John Renbourne) as opposed to the typical 12/8 shuffle groove commonly associated with blues-based rock music. The chorus riff (Rhy. Fig. 1) of "Reptile" clearly demonstrates the flexibility of the modal system in composition. Here, the chords Gm7. F6/9 and Ebmai9 all share the same theme - a phrase exploiting the consistent interval jump of a perfect fifth. The ambiguity of the chord progression (derived from the G Aeolian mode) allows for the superimposing of the simple four-note theme on all three chords with differing musical effect (found in the resultant chord names).

The guitar solos on *Starfish* are models of restraint and clarity. These sections function more often than not as instrumental bridges. As such, the guitarwork is simple and uncluttered, and contributes to the song's overall mood rather than standing out as instrumental overkill. Frequently, the melodies are closely aligned with internal structural elements of the song (i.e., a chorus, verse or bridge motif). This type of motivic/thematic relationship can be found in some of the greatest symphonic works of history and is a fundamental premise of composition.

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2. Had you coiled around my arm. How could you ever know How I loved your diamond eyes? But that was long ago. (To Chorus) 3. And I should have believed Eve. She said we had to blow. She was the apple of my eye. It wasn't long ago. (To Chorus)

Under the Milky Way

Music and Lyrics by Steve Kilbey and Karen Jansson







Destination













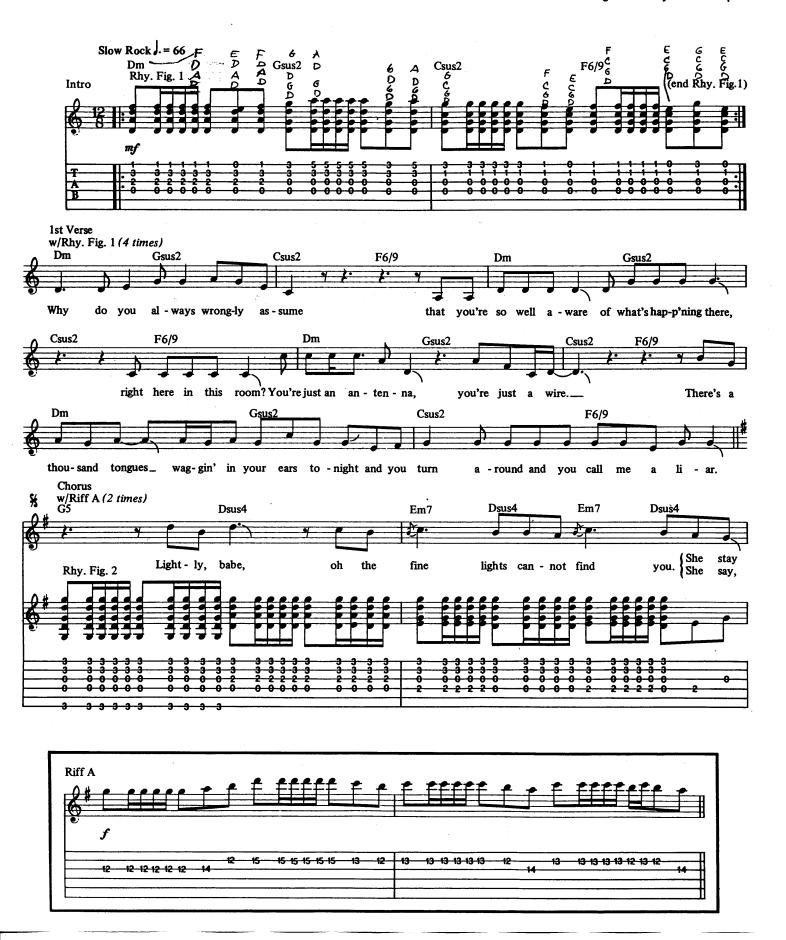


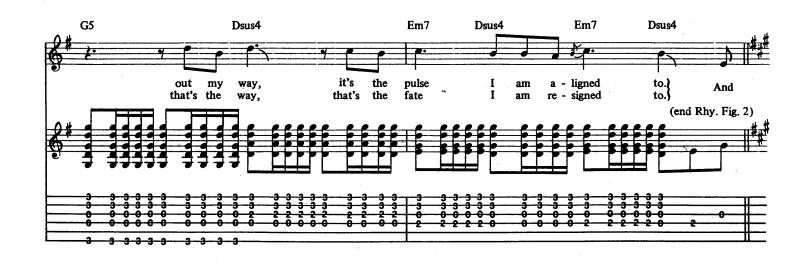


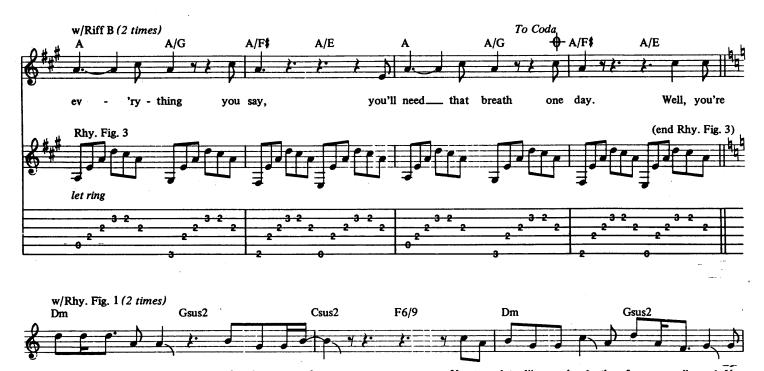


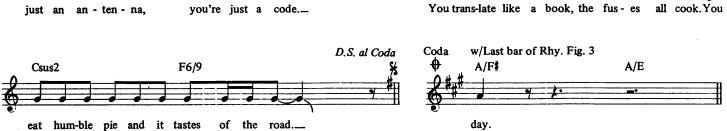
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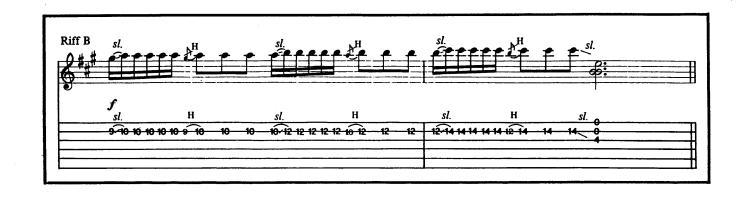
- Sudden voltage in the night
 With a rainforest girl,
 As we float downstream to the Amazon River
 Where the black waters swirl.
 I say, why are you people wearing those masks?
 I say, can we be reconciled?
 She says the mother of the storm has to roam the sky
 Searching for her child. (To Chorus)
- 3. Morning comes at last
 And she's lying by my side.
 She's got the face of the widow who keeps following me
 And the body of my bride.
 I say, why are those buildings swaying like trees?
 I say, can we stop for a while?
 She says, can't you hear the city that's hidden in there?
 It's just another mile. (To Chorus)















North, South, East and West









Additional Lyrics

- Have a quick throw or host your own show (in this city).
 To a wolf from a lamb for just half a gram (liquidity).
 The face of today just a scalpel away.
 Restore your lost soul for two dollars plus toll (liquidity). (To Interlude)
- 3. Backs are patted when calves are fatted (in this city).
 The emperor's clothes are host for the proles (liquidity).
 The guys with the brains are all bitter and vain (stupidity).
 The guys with the luck got the bimbos and bucks (liquidity). (To Chorus)





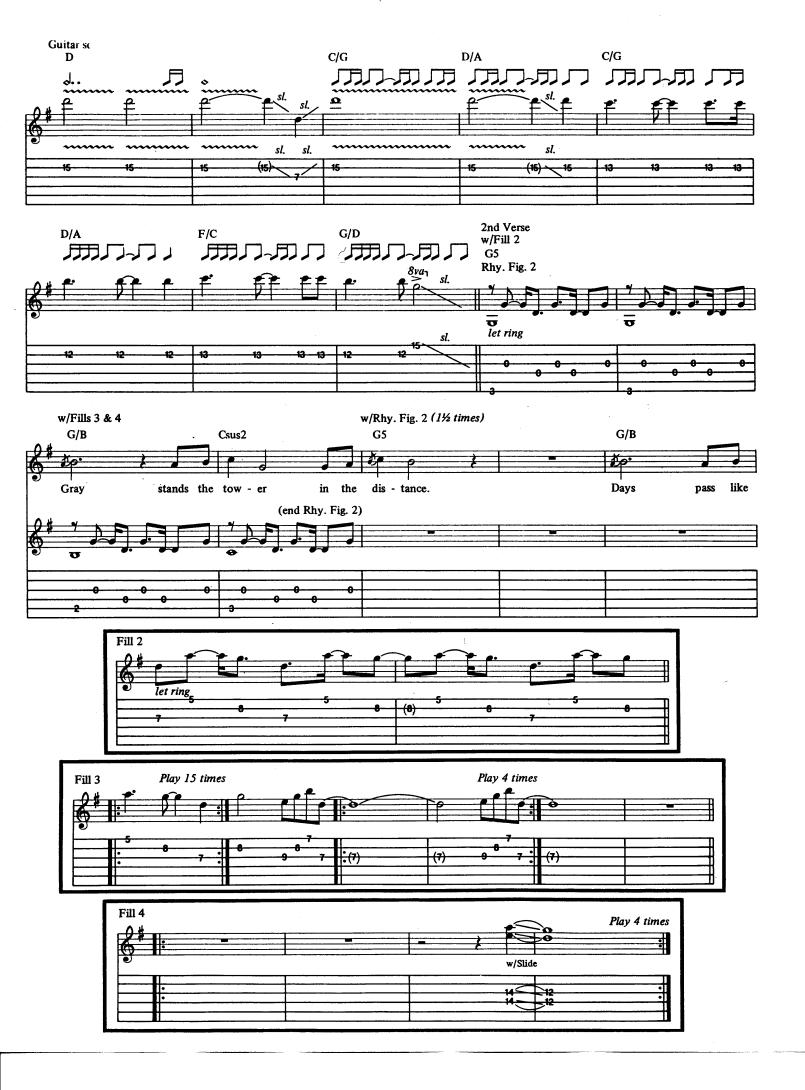


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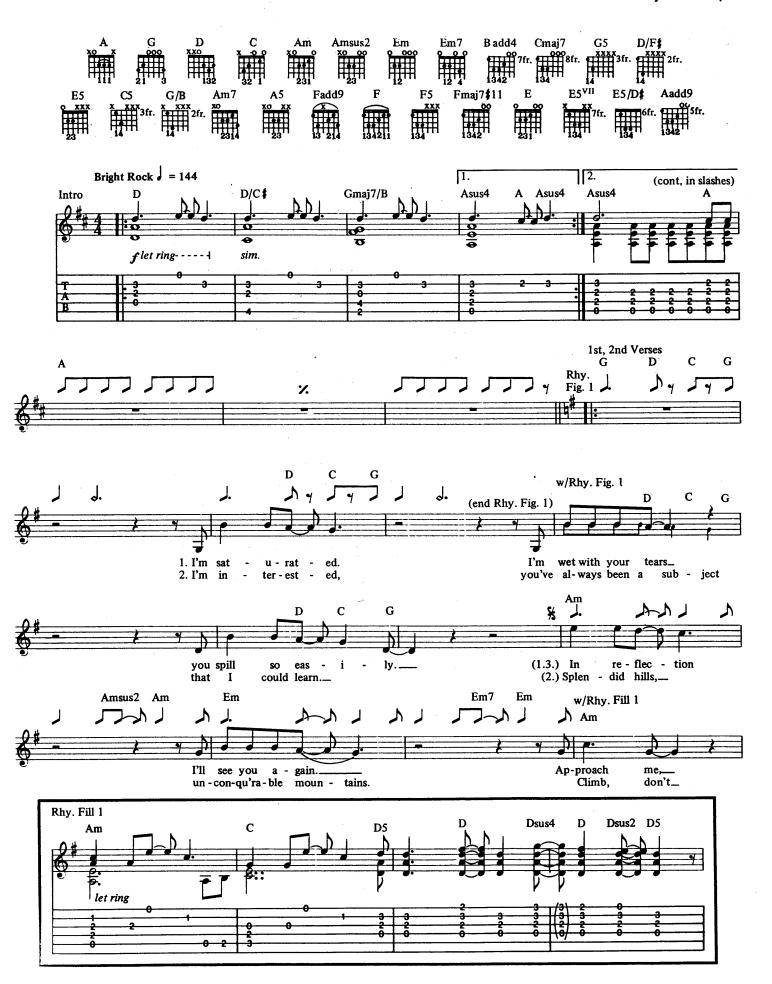
- Follow her down to worship some god.
 Who never speaks to me, I wonder if that's odd.
 Then he says you're never listening.
 The pursuit of adulation is your butter and your bread.
 It's an exquisite corpse and its lips are red
 And its teeth are glistening.
 But you are lost, but you are lost.

 Now hang up 'cause the lines are all crossed, you are so lost.
- 3. If you're alone and you're feeling blue,
 Everyone in Persia probably feels like that too.
 I just hope they don't believe like you do.
 Here she comes with her unforgiving web.
 Almost forever I been drinking these dregs.
 It must be time to change our brew
 Before we're lost, before we're lost.
 Look at the map, add up the cost before we're lost.













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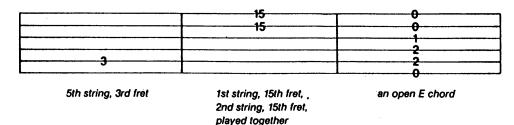




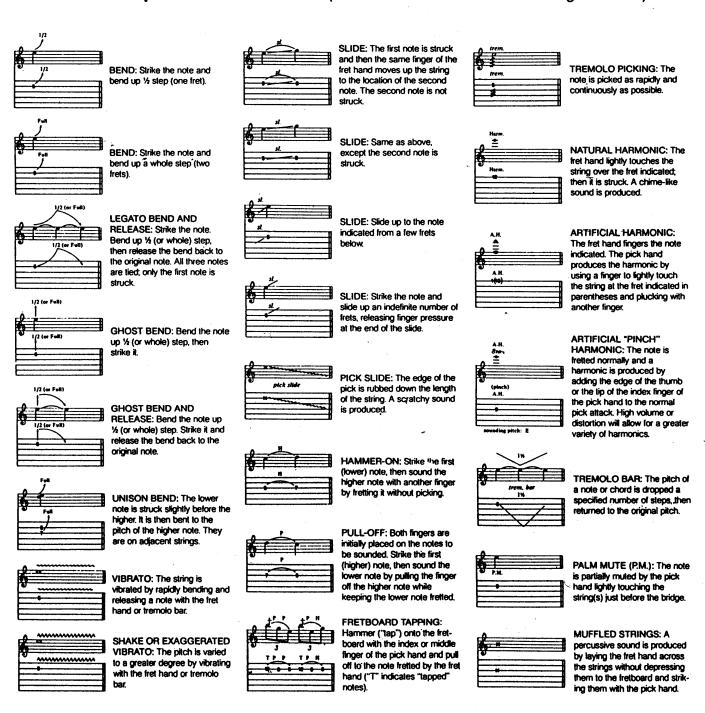




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Definitions for Special Guitar Notation (For both traditional and tablature guitar lines)



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