

Purple Rain

Words & Music:
Prince

[chord vamp for whole song is: Aadd2 F#m7addB Eadd9 Dadd2 (chord shapes). A simplified version is: A A/F# E D Dsus4 D. You can pick one for the entire song or switch between the two for variety.] The original was played in C (guitar tuned one whole step down to D G C F A D so it sounds in B). Harald Weidner provided the original tab bits below.

A F# E D
I never meant 2 cause you any sorrow. I never meant to cause you any pain.
A F#
I only wanted 2 one time see U laughing.
E A
I only wanted 2 see you laughing in the Purple Rain

CHORUS:

[n.c.] D A F# E
Purple Rain, Purple Rain, Purple Rain Purple Rain, Purple Rain, Purple Rain.

A [n.c.]
I only wanted 2 see U bathing in the Purple Rain

I never wanted 2 be your weekend lover. I only wanted 2 be some kind of friend.
Baby, I could never steal U from another. It's such a shame our friendship had 2 end.

CHORUS: [last line this time is:]

I only want 2 see u underneath the Purple Rain

Honey, I know I know I know times R changing.
It's time we all reach out 4 something new - that means U 2.
U say U want a leader, but U can't seem 2 make up your mind
I think U better close it and let me guide U 2 the Purple Rain

CHORUS: [different ending lines are:]

F#
Whew, if U know what I'm singin' about help me and come on raise your hand
E A
Purple Rain, Purple Rain, I only want 2 see U, only want 2 see U In the Purple Rain

SOLO OUT OVER CHORD VAMP:

CHORDS:

Aadd2 = X 0 7 6 0 0
F#m7addB = 2 4 4 2 0 0
Eadd9 = 0 2 4 1 0 0
Dadd2 = X X 0 9 7 5

Harald Weidner's "Purple Rain" Tab:

New chords:

C major 9 [C9] = 0 3 0 0 1 0

A minor 7/4 [Am74] = 0 0 0 0 1 0

F major 9 [F9] = 1 3 4 1 1 1

C9	Am74	Am7	Am74	G
-----	-----	-----0	-----0--	-----3
1-----	-----	1--1--1	1-1--11-	-----0
0-----	-----	0--0--	0-0--0-	0--0--
0-----	-----	02--2--	2-2--0-	0--0--
3-----	-----	0--0--	0-0--0-	2--2--
-----	-----	-----	-----	03--3--
-----	-----	-----	-----	3-3--3-

F9	F	F4	F	G	C
-----1	--1-1--	-----3	-----3	-----3	-----
1-----1	1--1111-	-----0	-----0	-----0	1-----
0-----	02--2-2-	0--0-0-	0--0-0-	0--0-0-	0-----
3-----	3--3-3-	0--0-0-	0--0-0-	0--0-0-	2-----
3-----	3--3-3-	2-2-2--	2-2-2--	2-2-2--	3-----
-----	-----	3-3-3--	3-3-3--	3-3-3--	-----

Refrain:

C	F	F4	F	F	C9
-----	-----1	-----1--	-----	-----	-----0
1-----	1--1--1	1-1--11-	1--1--	1--1--	1--1--1
0-----	2--2--	3-3--3-	2--2--	2--2--	0--0--
2-----	3--3--	3-3--3-	3--3--	3--3--	0--0--
3-----	3--3--	-----	3--3--	3--3--	3--3--
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Am7	G	{-----3x-----}	C
-----0	-----0--	-----3	-----3--
1--1--1	1-1--11-	-----0	-----0--
0--0--	0-0--0-	0--0--	0-0--0-
2--2--	2-2--2-	0--0--	0-0--0-
0--0--	0-0--0-	2--2--	2-2--2-
-----	-----	3--3--	3-3--3-
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