

# Darlin' Do Not Fear

Words and music by Brett Dennen, from the album *So Much More*



As he was developing the intro guitar riff for "Darlin' Do Not Fear," Dennen had been listening a lot to King Sunny Ade and thinking about different ways to phrase the melody. "I had the melody in my head, but the guitar hook didn't come in on the downbeat, it came in on the upbeat," he says. "I was thinking, 'How cool would it be to shift the whole phrase over and put it on the downbeat?'"

I thought that whole guitar line was going to be the song. I wrote the lyrics with that

phrase in mind, but that was way too difficult for me." Dennen plays this song in C position with a capo on the eighth fret. "The hard part is to keep your thumb going on the low strings like a Delta blues tune," Dennen says. "When I play the verses, I am trying to sound like a drummer. I'm hitting the downbeat with my thumb and then syncopating and backbeating with my index and middle fingers."

—DREW PEARCE

## Capo VIII Intro

Guitar 2

C  $x32010$  G  $320004$  C  $x32010$  G  $320004$

Guitar 1

Rhy. Fig. 1

1 0 1 3 1 0 0 0 1 3 3 1 0 3 1 3 1 0 3

3 3 2 0 2 0 0 3 3 3 2 3 2 0 0 3 3

F  $134211$  G  $320004$  C  $x32010$  G  $320004$  C  $x32010$  Fine

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Rhy. Fill 1

End Rhy. Fill 1

End Rhy. Fig. 1

1 0 3 1 3 1 0 1 3 3 1 0 3 1 3 1 0 1

3 3 3 3 0 0 3 3 3 2 3 2 0 0 3 3

1 1 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

## Verse

C  $x32010$  F  $134211$  G  $320004$  C  $x32010$

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1. When I ar - rived in my old set of clothes

2-6. See additional lyrics.

cont. simile

0 1 0 0 2 1 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0

3 2 3 2 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 3 2

1 1 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3



D.S. al Coda

**Coda**

D.C. al Fine

42 real-ly know I said darlin' do not fear what you don't real-ly know We said dar lin' do not fear

1. When I arrived in my old set of clothes  
I was half a world away from my home  
And I was hunted by the wolves and I was heckled by the crows  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know
2. Alongside my innocence I laid in bed awake  
Conflicted and in chains with the impetus of age  
But like a phantom she crept across the floor and out the window  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know
3. From its place on the mantel my heart was taken down  
Scattered in a thousand little pieces on the ground  
And I below the stree lamp like an orphan with a halo  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know
- Bridge*  
'Cause it won't last, your worries'll pass  
All your troubles, they don't stand a chance  
And sometimes it takes more than a lifetime to know  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know
4. Your confidences fall as your faith etched in stone  
Neither could comfort you from the wild unknown
5. So bury your burning hatred like a hatchet in the snow  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know  
If you have a broken heart or a battered soul  
Find something to hold onto until they go  
To help you through the hard nights like a flask filled with hope  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know
- Bridge*  
'Cause it won't last, your worries will pass  
All your troubles, they don't stand a chance  
And it always hurts the worst when it's the ones we love the most  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know
6. Sometimes your path is marked in the sky  
Sometimes it falls too thin in between the lines  
Sometimes all you can do is say no  
Darlin' do not fear what you don't really know
- Repeat Verse 1*  
I said darlin' do not fear what you don't really know  
We said darlin' do not fear