

Chords: C, F, G7, E7

The Great Pretender

The Platters 1955
Freddie Mercury 1989

Intro: **C** 2 **F** 4 | **G7** 2 3 4 beats to bar

Oh **[C]** yes, I'm the **[F]** great pre-**[C]**-tender, 2 3
Pre-**[F]**-tending that I'm doing **[C]** well. 2 3
My **[F]** need is **[G7]** such I pre-**[C]**-tend too **[F]** much,
I'm **[C]** lonely but **[G7]** no one can **[C]** tell. 2 3

Oh **[C]** yes, I'm the **[F]** great pre-**[C]**-tender, 2 3
A-**[F]**-drift in a world of my **[C]** own. 2 3
I **[F]** play the **[G7]** game but to **[C]** my real **[F]** shame,
You've **[C]** left me to **[G7]** dream all a-**[C]**-lone. 2 3

Too **[F]** real is this feeling of **[C]** make believe,
Too **[F]** real when I feel
What my **[C]** heart can't con-**[G7]**-ceal;

Oh **[C]** yes I'm the **[F]** great pre-**[C]**-tender, 2 3
Just **[F]** laughing and gay like a **[C]** clown. 2 3
I **[F]** seem to **[G7]** be what I'm **[C]** not you **[F]** see,
I'm **[C]** wearing my **[G7]** heart like a **[E7]** crown 2 3
Pre-**[F]**-tending that **[G7]** you're still a-**[C]**-round. 2 3

Too **[F]** real is this feeling of **[C]** make believe,
Too **[F]** real when I feel
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Just **[F]** laughing and gay like a **[C]** clown. 2 3
I **[F]** seem to **[G7]** be what I'm **[C]** not you **[F]** see,
I'm **[C]** wearing my **[G7]** heart like a **[E7]** crown 2 3
Pre-**[F]**-tending (*slowly*) that **[G7]** you're still a-**[C]** 2)-round. **F** 4 | **C**

