

Present Tense

Pearl Jam

Standard or Drop D tuning

D *Cadd9*
Do you see the way that tree bends
G/B *Am7sus4* *A7sus4* *A*
does it inspire,
D *Cadd9*
leaning out to catch the sun's rays
G/B *Am7sus4* *A7sus4* *A*
a lesson to be applied
D *Cadd9*
are you getting something out of this
G/B *Am7sus4* *A7sus4* *A*
all encompassing trip

Chorus:

D *G*
You can't spend your time alone,
F *G* *D* *G F*
redigesting past regrets.....Oh
G *D* *G* *F*
You can't come to terms and realise
G *D* *G* *F*
you're the only one who cannot forgive yourself ohoo uu ("Over" in 2nd Chorus)
G *D*
Makes much more sense,
G *F* *G*
to live in the present tense

Main Riff

D *Cadd9*
Have you ideas on how this life ends,
G/B *Am7sus4* *A7sus4* *A*
Checked your hands and studied the line,
D *Cadd9*
Have you ever believed that the road ahead
G/B *Am7sus4* *A7sus4* *A*
ascends off into the light
D *Cadd9*
seems that needlessly it's getting harder
G/B *Am7sus4* *A7sus4* *A*
to find an approach and no where to live
D *Cadd9*
are we getting something out of this
G/B *Am7sus4* *A7sus4* *A*
all encompassing trip

Chorus

Riff 2 then Riff 3

Main Riff

D	Cadd9	G/B	Am7sus4	A7sus4	A
-----2-2-----			-----3-----	-----0-----	
-----3-3-----	-----3-----	-----3-----	-----3-3-----	-----3-----	-----2-----
2-----2-2-----	-----2-----	-----2-2-----	-----2-----	-----0-----	-----0-----
--0-----	-----0-----	-----0-0-----	-----0-----	-----0-0-----	-----2-----
-----3-----	-----3-3-----	-----2-----	-----2-2-----		

Chorus (can stay in Standard and just play the chords below)

D	G	F	G	D	G	F	G D G F G D G
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0--0----	X-5-5^3-3-	X-5-5^0-0-0-	X-5-5-5^3-3-				X-5
0--0----	X-5-5^3-3-	X-5-5^0-0-0-	X-5-5-5^3-3-				X-5
12-12\0-	X-5-5^3-3-	X-5-5^0-0-0-	X-5-5-5^3-3-				X-5

The first time through, Mike lets it end at the G, the second time (not shown) a D.

Riff 2

loosely pick through F shapes, then double time	Last time into
-----	-----3-3-----
---6-----	---5-----
---7-----	---3-3----- (fade out)
---8-----	---2-2-----
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Riff 3

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---3-----	---3-----	---3-----	---3-3-----	---3-3-2-----
---5-----	---5-----	---5-----	---2-----	---2-2-----
---5-----	---5-----	---5-----	---2-----	---2-2-2-----

