

# Total Eclipse of the Heart by Bonnie Tyler

## Capo 1st fret

If you want to play along with Bonnie Tyler's recorded version of the song, you'll need to put a capo on the 1st fret.

## Chords needed

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E ---0---3---0-----4---0---2---0---2---2---
B ---1---3---1---3---8---4---0---3---2---0---3---
G ---2---0---0---3---8---5---0---2---0---2---2---
D ---2---0---2---3---8---6---2---0---2---1---0---
A ---0---2---3---1---6---6---2-----0---2---0---
E -----3-----4---0-----2-----

      Am   G    C    Bb   Eb   Ab   Em   D    A7   B7   D/F#
  
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## Song structure

Here's the various sections of the song, with the chord progressions outlined for each section:

<b>Verse</b>	<p>"Turnaround, every now &amp; then I get a little bit lonely..."  <b>Am . . . Am . . . G . . . G . . . x2</b></p> <p>"Turnaround, every now &amp; then I get a little bit nervous..."  <b>C . . . C . . . Bb . . . Bb . . . x2</b></p> <p>"Turn around, bright eyes..."  <b>Eb . . . Ab . . . Ab . . . x2</b></p>
<b>Chorus</b>	<p>"I need you now tonight, and I need you more than ever..."  <b>G . . . Em . . . C . . . D . . . x3</b></p> <p>"Together we can take it to the end of the line..."  <b>C . . . D . . . Em . . . A7 . . . x2</b></p> <p>"I really need you tonight, forever's gonna start tonight..."  <b>G . . . D . G . C . . . D . . .</b></p>
<b>Ending</b>	<p>"Once upon a time I was falling in love..."  <b>G . . . Em . . . B7 . . . C . . .</b></p> <p>"Nothing I can do, a total eclipse of the heart..."  <b>Am . . . D . . . G . . . Em . . . C . . . D . . .</b></p>

## Intro riff, approximated for guitar

Here's a simple way to mimic the piano intro sound heard on the album version. Emphase the highest note in each chord/strum played below:

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E -----
B -----1--0-----1--0-----
G -----2--2--2-----2--2--2---
D -----2-----2-----2-----2-----
A ---0-----0-----
E -----

      Am
  
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...repeat as desired

## Lyrics w/ chords

### VERSE

**Am** **G**  
 Turnaround, every now & then I get a little bit lonely and you're never coming round  
**Am** **G**  
 Turnaround, every now & then I get a little bit tired of listening to the sound of my tears  
**C** **Bb**  
 Turnaround, every now & then I get a little bit nervous that the best of all the years have gone by  
**C** **Bb**  
 Turnaround, every now & then I get a little bit terrified and then I see the look in your eyes  
**Eb** **Ab**  
 Turnaround, bright eyes... but every now and then I fall apart  
**Eb** **Ab**  
 Turnaround, bright eyes... every now and then I fall apart

### CHORUS

**G** **Em** **C** **D**  
 ...And I need you now tonight, and I need you more than ever  
**G** **Em** **C** **D**  
 ...And if you only hold me tight, we'll be holding on forever  
**G** **Em** **C** **D**  
 ...And we'll only be making it right, because we'll never be wrong  
**C** **D**  
 Together we can take it to the end of the line  
**Em** **A7**  
 Your love is like a shadow on me all of the time  
**C** **D**  
 I don't know what to do and I'm always in the dark  
**Em** **A7**  
 We're living in a powder keg and giving off sparks  
**G**  
 I really need you tonight  
**D/F#** **G** **C** **D**  
 Forever's gonna start tonight, forever's gonna start tonight

### ENDING

**G** **Em** **B7** **C**  
 Once upon a time I was falling in love, but now I'm only falling apart  
**Am** **D** **G** **Em** **C** **D**  
 And there's nothing I can do, a total eclipse of the heart  
**G** **Em** **B7** **C**  
 Once upon a time there was light in my life, but now there's only love in the dark  
**Am** **D** **G** **Em** **C** **D**  
 Nothing I can say, a total eclipse of the heart

## Strumming pattern

You can use whichever pattern you like, of course – but if you want something to get started with, here's what I use in my video lesson. Spoken aloud, this sounds like “Down... down, down up down... down, down up down...down, down up down...” etc.

**D** = downstrum    **U** = upstrum

**D**        **D**    **D U D**        **D**    **D U**  
 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +    (etc)