Avalanche

Leonard Cohen

Guitar akkorder

Album: Songs of Love and Hate (1971)

Capo 1
Advice: when passing from C/G to Em, play the open A string.

[Intro]
Em

[Verse 1]
Em C/G Em
I stepped into an avalanche,
D/F# Em
it covered up my soul;
C/G
When I am not this hunchback that you see,
Em D/F# Em
I sleep beneath a golden hill.
G B7
You who wish to conquer pain,
Em C/G B7/F#
you must learn, learn to serve me well.

[Verse 2]
Em C/G Em
You strike my side by accident
D/F# Em
As you go down for your gold.
C/G
The cripple here that you clothe and feed
Em D/F# Em
Is neither starved nor cold;
G B7
He does not ask for your company,
Em C/G B7/F#
Not at the centre, the centre of the world.

[Verse 3]
Em C/G Em
When I am on a pedestal,
D/F# Em
You did not raise me there.
C/G
Your laws do not compel me
Em D/F# Em
To kneel grotesque and bare.
G B7

I myself am the pedestal
         Em   **C/G**   **B7/F#**
For this ugly hump at which you stare.

[Verse 4]
Em   **C/G**   **Em**
You who wish to conquer pain,
         D/F#   **Em**
You must learn what makes me kind;
                              C/G
The crumbs of love that you offer me,
Em   **D/F#**   **Em**
They’re the crumbs I’ve left behind.
G   **B7**
Your pain is no credential here,
               Em   **C/G**   **B7/F#**
It’s just the shadow, shadow of my wound.

[Verse 5]
Em   **C/G**   **Em**
I have begun to long for you,
  D/F#   **Em**
I who have no greed;
                C/G
I have begun to ask for you,
Em   **D/F#**   **Em**
I who have no need.
G   **B7**
You say you’ve gone away from me,
    Em   **C/G**   **B7/F#**
But I can feel you when you breathe.

[Verse 6]
Em   **C/G**   **Em**
Do not dress in those rags for me,
           D/F#   **Em**
I know you are not poor;
                             C/G
And don’t love me quite so fiercely now
Em   **D/F#**   **Em**
When you know that you are not sure,
G   **B7**
It is your turn, beloved,
          Em   **C/G**   **B7/F#**
And it is your flesh that I wear.

[Outro]
Em