

Nature of the Game

from the album *Love in Time*

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Steadily forward ♩ = 144

D7sus

mf

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D G/D C G/B D7sus

Fools _____ run _____ where an _____ an - gel fears _____ to fol - low _____
Hard _____ times _____ when the _____ threads of love _____ un - ra - vel _____ The
Bad _____ blood, _____ hos - tile _____ words get spoke _____ in an - ger _____
Cold _____ eyes _____ stare at _____ you a - cross _____ the ta - ble _____ The

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D G/D C G/B D7sus

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We've _____ come _____ to a place _____ no fool _____ would go _____
arms _____ stretch, _____ but the hands _____ don't ev - er meet _____
Caught _____ up _____ in a game _____ where no _____ one wins _____
stakes _____ rise _____ with each mo - ment _____ you _____ de - lay _____

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D G/D C G/B D7sus

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Sparks fly and the truth rings harsh and hol - low It's the same
 True love is a rock - y road to tra - vel Bet - ter get
 Our heads tend to dis - re - gard the dan - gers while our hearts
 Hang tough if you still be - lieve you're a - ble Or else play

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C G/B B \flat C D7sus

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— old song we've sung — so long, it's the on - ly dance we know —
 — out of the kitch - en — if you can - not stand the heat —
 — hang in the ba - lance — and the wheel of for - tune spins —
 — your hand the best — you can — and get your - self — a - way —

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1. 2.

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D7sus

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G F D7sus

34 3, 4.

Why _____ must ev - ery heart ____ I trust de - sert ____ me

G F D7sus

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Why _____ must it al - ways__ end the same ____

G F D7sus

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Fate _____ deals the last ____ one ____ down and dir - ty It's the hands

C G/B B \flat C D7sus **To Coda**

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— you keep that make you weep But that's the na - ture of — the game —

To Coda

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G F D7sus

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Whoa _____ no no no _____

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G F D7sus

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Whoa _____ no no no _____

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G F D7sus

Whoa _____ no no no _____

62

C G/B B \flat C

Whoa _____ whoa _____ whoa _____ whoa _____

66

D7sus

no _____

D7sus

D.S. al Coda

70

D.S. al Coda

74

⊕ Coda

C G/B

It's the hand you fold that make you old, but that's the

⊕ Coda

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B^b C D7sus

na - ture of the game It's the hands

80 C G/B B \flat C

— you fold that will make you old, — that's the na - ture of the game —

83 D7sus

87 D7sus

8vb