

"WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS"

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A 1st Verse (0:02)

Moderately Slow ♩. = 60

I've paid my dues time after time I've done my
 Cm Bb/C Gm7 Cm Bb/C Gm7

*Gtr. 1 (clean elec.) 1

*piano arr. for gtr. **repeat previous chord

Bass

sentence but committed no crime And bad mistakes I've made a few
 Cm Bb/C Gm7 Cm Bb/C Gm7 Eb Eb sus4

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*Gtr. 2 (clean elec.)

*two gtrs. arr. for one

I've had my share of sand kicked in my face but I've come through And I need to go
 Eb Eb sus4 Eb5 Bb/D C5 F5 Bb5

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Rhy. Fig. 1 (w/dist.)

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B 1st Chorus (0:35)

on and on and on and on We are the champions my friends and
 C5^{III} F5 A5 D5 Bb5 C5^{III}
end Rhy. Fig. 1 Rhy. Fig. 2

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12/8

we'll keep on fighting 'til the end We are the champions we are the champions
 F5 A5 Bb5^{VI} F#°7 D/F# Gm C/G Bb5 N.C.(Db°7)

12

12/8

No time for losers 'cause we are the champions of the world
 F5 type2 Ebadd2/G Fm/Ab Bbsus²/₄ C7sus4
let ring *let ring* *let ring* *let ring* *end Rhy. Fig. 2*

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12/8

I've taken my

19

12/8

**chord symbols reflect piano harmony*

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C 2nd Verse (1:18)

bows and my curtain calls You brought me fame and fortune and everything that goes with it I thanked
 (C5) C7sus4^{III} (C5) C7sus4^{III} (C5) C7sus4^{III}

let ring throughout (dist. off)

22 P.M.

you all But it's been no bed of roses no pleasure cruise I consider it a
 (C5) C7sus4^{III} E \flat E \flat sus4 E \flat E \flat sus4

25

challenge before all human race and I'd never lose and the meters go on and on and on and on
 E \flat B \flat /D C5 F5 B \flat 5 C5^{III}

Gr. 2 plays Rhy. Fig. 1 (see meas. 7)
 Gr. 1 (w/dist.)

28

D 2nd Chorus (1:51)

We are the champions my friends and we'll keep on fighting 'til
 F5 A5 D5 B \flat 5 C5^{III} F5 A5

Gr. 2 plays Rhy. Fig. 2 twice simile (see meas. 10)

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the end We are the champions we are the champions
 B \flat 5^{VI} F \sharp °7 D/F \sharp Gm C/G B \flat 5 (D \flat °7)

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No time for losers 'cause we are the champions of the world

F5 type2 Eb add2/G Fm/Ab Bb sus 2/4 C7sus4 P.M.

We are the champions my friends and we'll keep on fighting

Bass F5 A5 D5 Bb5 C5 III F5 A5

'til the end Ah we are the champions

Bb5 VI F#o7 D/F# Gm C/G

Gtr. 2 substitutes Rhy. Fill 1 (see below)

we are the champions No time for losers 'cause

Bb5 (Db o7) F5 type2 Eb add2/G

we are the champions

Fm/Ab Bb sus 2/4 C7sus4

Rhy. Fill 1 (2:34)

Bb5 VI N.C.(D/F#)
let ring

Gtr. 2