

A Certain Smile

By Ted Greene, from his *Solo Guitar* album

Transcription by Mark Thornbury

In reviewing this transcription one thing that comes to mind is that Ted pulls off a really cool harmonic lick off the E11 chord (the sixth shape on the top line, page 1), which I never could figure out how to properly write it down. So you'll have to check out the other notated transcriptions of this song *and* maybe use some transcribing software like "The Amazing Slowdowner" (which cost about \$50.00 I believe) to nail it down. Ted also said that this was a lick he got from the great Dan Sawyer! How cool is *that!!!*

The only other comment is that I have always had difficulty playing the Gb/9 to major 9 (last chord on the first line) on a Fender guitar, but found that it is more playable for me on my Gibson. This is obviously due to the smaller scale length of 24 3/4" vs. 25 1/2". I have smaller hands than Ted had, and although I have stretched much over the years, there's only so much that one can do!

Another anecdote from that era was an out-of-the-blue phone call I got from Ted, excitedly telling me that the film "A Certain Smile" was to be playing on channel 9 later that day, and that as an enthusiast of the song, I should check it out (which, of course, I did!)....

I sincerely hope that the rough notes/grid diagrams on these pages will serve as a useful guide to anybody wanting to learn this beautiful arrangement by Ted, and that it brings much joy to your lives as it has mine.

~Mark Thornbury

Guit. Down 1/2 step

o = 1
x = 2
□ = 3
◇ = 4
* = 5
o = 6

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5 F Gmi7 C7 HAR. A/9 E11 A D Db Gb Db/Ab Gb/a

8 Db/9 Eb9 C9 C11 C7 C7sus C7 etc. C11

5 E F#m7 B7 E E E7 A/E A/C#

7 B7 E7 B7 E7 E7 D#m7/11 G#7 G#7 C#m7 C#m/E C#m7 C7 F#9

2 E/G# F#A# B(7) G#m7 Cm7 Cm7 F#7 C7 F#m7/11 E/B7 F# B9

2 E F#m7 HAR. E7 A/E A/C# B7sus B7/6 E7 Bm7/6 E7(sus) A7(7#9)

9 G#7#11 B9 C#13b9 F#m7 F#m9 F#m7 F#m7(b5) C7+(Am6) E G# C#m Cm7 A7

2 F#m7 B7 HAR. A B E6 E B A E7 A6 E

5 A6 E E6 Ab Bb/D Eb/Db Ab/C Bbm7 Ab Absus Ab7 D(C)

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Chord chart for "A Certain Smile" featuring 12 rows of guitar fretboards with handwritten chord names and musical notations. The chords include: Db, Eb7sus, Eb7, Ab7, Eb7, Ab7, A7, Gm7/11, C7, C/bb, F7, Fm, Fm(m7), Bb9, Bb, Eb7, Cm7, Fm7, Fm7, Bb7, Bb7, Bbm7/11, Ab/Eb7, Eb7, C7, Fm/9, Ab/Gb, Ab7, Db7+, Cm7/b9, F(m9), Bbm7, Bbm9, Bbm7, Bbm7b5, E7+ -> Bm(b9), Ab, C, Fm, Fm7, Dm7, Bbm7, Eb7, Fm7(b5), B, C#m/B, Em6, B, Em6, B7, Em6, B, G7+, D#, G#m/9, D#, D#6, G#m6, D#, G#m6(9), F#, G#m(9(+1)), F#, G#, Bm6, F#m/C#, B7, F#(7), F#, G#m7, F#, B, C#7, F#, B9, C#7(sus), D/A, E/A, A9, D, A, G, D, D, D, G, G/b, A7sus, A/b, D7, Am6/7, D7(sus), G7#9, G7, F#m/11 -> 7#9, B13b9.

