

# VIVA LA VIDA

Coldplay (2008)

**1** I used to rule the world -  
Seas would rise when I gave the word.  
Now in the morning, I sleep alone,  
Sweep the streets I used to own.

Unterstrichen = Chor  
Kursiv = Zweite Stimme  
G-Dur | JUKIRO

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INTERLUDE 1

**2** I used to roll the dice -  
Feel the fear in my enemy's eyes.  
Listen as the crowd would sing -  
Now the old king is dead, long live the king.

One minute, I held the key -  
Next the walls were closed on me  
And I discovered that my castles stand  
Upon pillars of salt and pillars of sand.

**R1** I hear Jerusalem bells are ringing,  
Roman Cavalry choirs are singing.  
Be my mirror, my sword and shield,  
My missionaries in a foreign field.  
For some reason, I can't explain -  
Once you'd gone, there was never,  
Never an honest word - and that was when I ruled the world.

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INTERLUDE 2

**3** It was the wicked and wild wind -  
Blew down the doors to let me in.  
Shattered windows and the sound of drums -  
People couldn't believe what I'd become.

Revolutionaries wait  
For my head on a silver plate;  
Just a puppet on a lonely string -  
Oh, who would ever want to be king?

**R2** I hear Jerusalem bells are ringing.  
Roman Calvary choirs are singing.  
Be my mirror, my sword and shield.  
My missionaries in a foreign field.  
For some reason, I can't explain -  
I know Saint Peter won't call my name;  
Never an honest word - but that was when I ruled the world.

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INTERLUDE 3

**SP** O-o-o, o-o, oh.  
O-o-o, o-o, oh.  
O-o-o, o-o, oh.  
O-o-o, o-o, oh. (+ 6x in R3)

**R3** Hear Jerusalem bells are ringing (...)  
Never an honest word - but that was when I ruled the world.

**OUT** U-u-u-uh. (4x)