

VIVA LA VIDA

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The sheet music consists of eight staves of musical notation for piano/vocal. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature varies between common time and 2/4. The vocal part includes lyrics in parentheses. Chords indicated above the staff are D-flat, A-flat/sus4/E-flat, A-flat, F-major, D-flat, A-flat/sus4/E-flat, A-flat, F-major, D-flat, A-flat/sus4/E-flat, A-flat, F-major, and D-flat.

1.
D♭ A♭sus4/E♭ A♭ Fm
2. D♭ A♭sus4/E♭ A♭ Fm

1. I used to rule the world, ... Seas would rise when I gave the word. ...
simile *legg.*

Now in the morn-ing I sweep a - lone, ... sweep the streets I used to own. ...

D♭ A♭sus4/E♭ A♭ Fm [1.]

2.

S

D_bA**sus4/E_b**A_bF_m

I used to roll the dice, — feel the fear in my en- e-mies eyes,
 2. It was a wicked and wi - ld wind — blew down the doors _ to let me in.

lis - ten as the crowd _____ would sing: _____ "Now the
 Shat-tered win-dows and the sound _____ of drums, — Peo - ple

A_b F_m D_b A**sus4/E_b**
 old king is dead! Long live the king?" One minute I held the key, — next the
 could-n't be lieve what I'd be-come. Rev-o-lu-tion - ar ies wait for my

A_b F_m D_b A**sus4/E_b**
 walls _ were closed on me and I dis-co-vered that my cas - tles stand _____ up-on
 head on a sil - ver plate. — Just a pup-pet on a lone ly string, — Oh

A♭

Fm

Chorus

D♭

E^{add}4

pil - lars of sand, — pil - lars of sand; I hear Je - ru - sa - lem bells _ are ring - ing,
 who would ev - er want to be king? _

f

A♭

Fm

D♭

Ro - man cav - al - ly choirs _ are sing - ing: _ "Be my mir - ror, my sword _

E^{add}4

A♭

Fm

D♭

_ and shield, _ my mis-sion-er - ies in a for - eign field." _ For some rea-son I can't _

E^{add}4

Cm7

Fm

_ ex - plain, _ | I once you go, there was nev - er, nev - er an hon -
 know St. Pe - ter won't call my name. _ Nev - er

D♭ E♭sus4 A♭ Fm To Coda ♪

an hon - est word - that was when I ____ ruled the world.
 an hon - est word - that was when I ____ ruled the world.

D♭ A♭sus4/E♭ A♭ Fm D♭

mf

D.S. § al Coda

Fm

A♭sus4/E♭

A♭

Coda

Φ

D♭

Fm

1.

A♭

Fm

2.
Ebsus4

D♭

Absus4/E♭

Oh _____ Oh _____

A♭

Fm

D♭

Ebsus4

Oh _____ Oh _____

Hear Je - ru - sa - lem bells _ are ring - ing,

A♭

Fm

("Oh " continue)

Ro - man cav - al - ry choirs _ are sing - ing:

D♭

E♭sus4

A♭

Fm

"Be my mirror my sword _ and shield _ my mission-ar - ies in a for - eign field. —

D♭

E♭add4

A♭

Fm

("Oh 3rd end)

For some rea-son I can't _ ex - plain., I know St. Pe-ter won't call _ my name.. Ne-ver

D♭

E♭add4

Cm7

Fm

an hon - est word, — but that was when I ____ ruled the world. —

Dmaj7

B♭dim

Cm7

Fm

fade out

Oo