

## Better Way (Ben Harper)

### Notes:

- the recording is 3 half-steps up, i.e., F, D#, A#
- the downbeat comes at or near the beginning of each line

*Intro – 6 measures (24 beats) of percussion and droning D; begin counting at the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> measure: "1, 2," (cut time) "1, 2, 3, [rest]"*

D  
I'm a living sunset, light-  
ning in my bones  
Push me to the edge but my  
will is stone 'cause

*Everyone sings  
melody in unison  
at middle C*

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

D  
Fools will be fools and  
wise will be wise but  
I will look this world  
Straight in the eyes

*"D" harmony enters,  
in octaves; remains in  
through end of song*

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

D  
What good is a man who  
won't take a stand  
What good is a cynic with  
no better plan

*"A" harmony enters, in  
octaves; remains in  
through end of song*

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

*Instrumental bridge: 10 measures (40 beats) of improvisational solo backed by droning D*

~~D  
Hope these words feel pleasant as they  
Rest upon your ears  
Hope these words feel pleasant as they  
Rest upon your ears, u-  
pon your ears, u-  
pon your ears, u-  
pon your ears, u-  
pon your ears~~

~~*Instrumental tag: 4 measures (16 beats) of D*~~

D  
Reality is sharp, it cuts at  
me like a knife  
Everyone I know is in the  
fight of their life

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

D  
Take your face out of your hands and  
clear your eyes, you have a  
right to your dreams and  
don't be denied

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

C G  
I believe in a better  
D  
way [-2,-3,-4/-1,-2,-3,-4]

*12 measures (48 beats) of instrumental with only sitar and percussion for measures 5-8 and only percussion for measures 9-12*