The Top 10 Ballad Chord Progressions Of All Times...

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Note: These aren’t necessarily “the greatest songs”... I selected them because I felt they we’re good examples to learn from... And I enjoy playing all of these...

ENJOY!

Please notify us if there’s any mistakes... We’re NOT perfect.

NOTHING OPENS A WOMAN’S HEART LIKE A BEAUTIFULLY PLAYED LOVE BALLAD...
So, in here you will find the chord progressions for the following songs:

1. Let It Be – Beatles
2. Poison – Every Rose Has Its Thorn
3. Knocking On Heaven’s Door – Bob Dylan
4. Wonderful Tonight – Eric Clapton
5. Wicked Game – Chris Isaak
6. Wish You Were Here – Pink Floyd
7. Don’t Cry – Guns N Roses
8. With Or Without You – U2
10. No Woman, No Cry – Bob Marley

Now… we didn’t print the lyrics for copyright reasons… but the point here is NOT to learn how to play stuff note by note… What I suggest is you put on the CDs… and

Step 1 (beginners): STRUM with it. When you can strum along with the songs… you are one your way to Acoustic Mastery…

STEP 2 (intermediate): Pick along with the songs…

Step 3 (intermediate to advanced): Start adding some of the techniques: pull off transitions, slide chords, etc…

Step 4 (intermediate to advanced): Use some of the concepts inside Acoustic Mastery to PLAY with the guitar on the CD, meaning you play stuff a little differently…

Doing this exercise will GREATLY improve your ear… and your acoustic mastery…

SONGWRITERS PAY ATTENTION: As Einstein said, “Any intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex… It takes a touch of genius --- and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.” -Albert Einstein

Most of these songs are INCREDIBLY easy to play once you have a basic to intermediate level… DON’T LET THAT FOOL YOU… You should rehearse and play these songs and sing with these songs over and over again… Your brain will start to KNOW what world-class songwriting looks like… You might be surprised when you craft your own hit song…
Let It Be by The Beatles

Great song by a master songwriter...

EADGBe
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Em 022000
G 320033
Dm7 xx0211
Am x02210
C x32010
C/E xx2010
F 133211

Verses:
C G Am F
C G F
C/E Dm7 C

C G Am F
C G F
C/E Dm7 C

Chorus
Am G F C
C G F
C/E Dm7 C

Every Rose Has It’s Torn by Poison

EADGBe
------
D xx0232
G 320033
Cadd9 x32030
C x32030
Em 022000

Intro
G Cadd9

Verse
G Cadd9
G Cadd9
Knockin' On Heaven's Door by Bob Dylan

A Classic...

EADGBE

D     xx0232
G     320003
C     x32010
Am7   x02010

Intro
G    D   Am7
G    D   C

Verses
G            D            Am7
G       D         C
G            D                 Am7
G                   D                    C

Chorus
G             D                    C
Wonderful Tonight by Eric Clapton

Guitar Chords

EADGBE
D     xx0232
G     320003
C     x32010
Em    022200
F#/B  2xxx02

Verse:

G                      D
C                           D
G                    D
C                     D

Chorus

C                  D
G       F#/B      Em
C             D            G

Bridge

D          C
D               G         D       Em
C            D
C              D
G

Wicked Game by Chris Isaak

A songwriting masterpiece...

EADGBE

Bm   x24432
Bm11  x24430
Bsus2  x24422
B5    x2440x
Esus4  022200
E      022100
A     x02220

Intro/Interludes
Pick the chords and try to figure out the “picking pattern”
Bm   Bm11   Bsus2   B5
Esus4   E

Verses:
Bm    A    E
Bm    A    E
Bm    A
Bm    A    E

Chrous:
Bm    A    E
Bm    A    E

Wish You Were Here By Pink Floyd

Try to figure out the transitions...
I gave some good hints on the DVD.

EADGEBE
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Em  022000
G   320033
D   x00232
Am  x02210
C   x32010
G/E xx2033
A7sus4x02033

Intro
G
G/E  G  G/E  G
G/E  A7sus4  G/E  A7sus4
G

Verses
C    D
Am   G
D    C
Am   G

Between Verses And End

Em  G  Em  G
Em  A  Em  A
**Don’t Cry by Guns N Roses**

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Verses

Am           Dm
G                  C
Am                Dm
G                C

Chorus:

F         G      Am (Repeat 4X)

**With or Without You by U2**

This song really shows how you can write a masterpiece with only 4 chords. What really makes this song mind-blowing is Daniel Lanois’s production abilities. That’s another story...

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Repeat chords throughout...

D     A     Bm7     G
Bed of Roses by Bon Jovi

EADGBE
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C    x32010
Dm   xx0231
Am   x02210
F    133211
Bb   x13331

Intro: Bb F Bb F (2x)

Verses
Bb
F
Bb
F

Am      Bb
F
Bb
Bb

C                        F

Chorus
Dm
C        Bb     F
Dm
C        Bb     F
Bb
F
Bb
F

Dm    C    Bb
Bb

Bridge
Bb
C                        F
Bb
Bb
-C
F

Solo:
Dm  Bb  F (3x)
Dm    C    Bb    F
No Woman, No Cry by Bob Marley

EADGBe
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G   320003
G/B x20003
C   x32010
F   xx3211
Am x02210

Intro...
G   C   G/B  Am7
F   C   F   C
G

Chorus:
C   G/B   Am   F
C   F   C   G
C   G/B   Am    F
C   F   C   G

Verses
C   G/B   Am    F (repeat throughout verses)