

# Pacing the Cage - by Bruce Coburn

## Capo 4

### Intro Progression:

C	G/B	Fsus2/A
--0-----0-----	--3-----3-----	--1-----1-----
--1-----1-----	--3-----3-----	--1-----1-----
-----0-----0-----	-----0-----0-----	*-----0-----0-----*
--2-----2-----	-----0-----0-----	*--3-----3-----*
--3-----3-----	--2-----2-----	--0-----0-----
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### Verse Progression (note: 1<sup>st</sup> two measures same as Intro):

C	G/B	Fsus2/A
--0-----0-----	--3-----3-----	--1-----1-----1-----
--1-----1-----	--3-----3-----	--1-----1-----
-----0-----0-----	-----0-----0-----	-----0-----
--2-----2-----	-----0-----0-----	-----3-----3-----
--3-----3-----	--2-----2-----	--0-----0-----
-----	-----	-----

-----1-----
-----1-----
-----0-----0-----
--3-----3-----
--0-----0-----
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### Pre Chorus:

F	G	Am7
--1-----1-----	--3-----3-----	--0-----0-----
--1-----1-----	--3-----3-----	--1-----1-----
*-----0-----0-----*	*-----0-----0-----*	-----0-----0-----
*--3-----3-----*	*-----0-----0-----*	--2-----2-----
-----	-----	--0-----0-----
--1-----1-----	--3-----3-----	-----

Am7	Am7	Am7
--3-----3-----	--5-----5-----	--3-----3-----0-----
--1-----1-----	--1-----1-----	--1-----1-----1-----
-----0-----0-----	-----0-----0-----	-----0-----0-----
--2-----2-----	--2-----2-----	--2-----2-----2-----
--0-----0-----	--0-----0-----	--0-----0-----
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Chorus 1: (1)=only play at beginning of chorus

F

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| |-----| |-----|
| |--(1)-----1-----| |-----1-----|
| |*-----0-h2-----0--| |-----0-h2-----0--|
| |*-----3-----3-----| |-----3-----3-----|
| |-----| |-----|
| |--1-----1-----| |--1-----1-----|
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G11add6

1

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| |-----| |-----|
| |-----1-----| |-----1-----|
| |-----0-h2-----0--| |-----0-h2-----0--*|
| |-----3-----3-----| |-----3-----3-----*|
| |-----| |-----|
| |--3-----3-----| |--3-----3-----|
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2

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| |-----|
| |-----0-----|
| |-----1-----|
| |-----0-----0-----|
| |-----3-----3-----|
| |-----|
| |--3-----3-----|
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Chorus 2 & 3: (1)=only play at beginning of chorus

F

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| |-----| |-----|
| |--(1)-----1-----| |-----1-----|
| |*-----0-h2-----0--| |-----0-----0--|
| |*-----3-----3-----| |-----3-----3-----|
| |-----| |-----|
| |--1-----1-----| |--1-----1-----|
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G11add6

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| |-----| |-----|
| |-----1-----| |-----1-----|
| |-----0-h2-----0--| |-----0-----0--*|
| |-----3-----3-----| |-----3-----3-----*|
| |-----| |-----|
| |--3-----3-----| |--3-----3-----|
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Capo III

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

Sunset is an angel weeping

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

Holding out a bloody sword

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

No matter how I squint I cannot

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

Make out what it's pointing toward

**F** **G**

Sometimes you feel like you've lived too long

**Am** **F**

Days drip slowly on the page

**F**

You catch yourself

**G** **F** **G**

Pacing the cage

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

I've proven who I am so many times

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

The magnetic strips worn thin

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

And each time I was someone else

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

And everyone was taken in

**F** **G**

Powers chatter in high places

**Am**

Stir up eddies in the dust of rage

**G** **F**

Set me to pacing the cage

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

I never knew what you all wanted

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

So I gave you everything

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

All that I could pillage

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

All the spells that I could sing

**F** **G**

It's as if the thing were written

**Am** **F**

In the constitution of the age

**F**

Sooner or later you'll wind up

**G** **F** **G**

Pacing the cage

[SOLO]

[LAST VERSE]

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

Sometimes the best map will not guide you

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

You can't see what's round the bend

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

Sometimes the road leads through dark places

**C** **G/B** **F2/A**

Sometimes the darkness is your friend

**F** **G**

Today these eyes scan bleached out land

**Am** **F**

For the coming of the outbound stage

**G** **F**

Pacing the cage

**G** **F** **C**

Pacing the cage