

# Guru Rakhan by Jonathan Kelly

Tuning: EADGBE

4/4 time

Intro: Em G A C

(one chord per bar intially)

Em                      G

At the birth of Guru Rakhan,

A                      C

There was celebration all over the land

Em                      G

The people raised up their hands to the sky

A                      C

'Praise be the king' were the words they cried.

G                      D

'An end to the fighting, an end to the war

F              X              Em

All of that killing's gonna be no more

G                      D

Now that our new leader he is born

F              X              Em

This day's gonna be like a brand new morn.'

(normal chord strokes)

Em                      G

When Guru Rakhan was still just a child

A                      C

He would wander alone through the woods and the wild

Em                      G

He'd stop at the towns that he passed on the way

A C

And speak with the people all he knew how to say

G D

The people pressed forward to touch his cloak

F X Em

But he smiled and he said now would you please not joke

G D

Don't put your faith in a human's hand

F X Em

Not a lord or a priest or a Guru Rakhan.

Em G

But soon the boy was grown to a man

A C

He was hailed a hero all over the land

Em G

'Guru Rakhan's come to set us all free,

A C

Our king and our leader now he must be.'

G D

At this he spoke out in words so plain

F X Em

'As sure as the winter's gonna bring the rains

G D

No king or ruler am I going to be

F X Em

'Cos I'm not the one to set my people free.'

Em G

For just as the birds that you see in the sky

A C

Do not trust alone in their wings to fly

Em G

So man must never be ruled by man

A C

There's so much as yet he cannot understand

G D

When he had spoken the women all cried

F X Em

He turned and he headed up the mountainside

G D

And that's where he made a cave for a home

F X Em

Just like a hermit there all on his own

Em added 7

8/4 time

Em

There was one in the crowd looking on at all of this

A

And he knew it was a chance that he could not afford to miss

Em

Springing to his feet he called the people gather round

A

Said 'I see that Guru man has gone and let you down.

G

You offered him a crown that he so coolly did refuse

A

How could you ever let yourselves be so abused?'

Em

And so he won their hearts or should I say he took them in

A

With his noble words and promises, his joking and his grin.

G

And by that early winter he was king of all the land,

A

C

So soon to crush the people beneath his tyrant hand.

A

Oh oh oh...

Em

G

Guru Rakhan lived with the wild and the free

A

C

He drank from the rivers and he ate from the trees

Em

G

As fast as the years could pass on by

A

C

So did the wisdom grow in his eyes

G D

Until one day on the mountain slope

F X Em

He saw the horizon was all in smoke.

G D

He raced down the hill and over the fields,

F X Em

He swam 'cross the rivers and he ran through the trees

Em G

Not once did he stop till he came to his home

A C

But all that was left was rubble and bones

Em G

He fell to the ground but before he died

A C

He opened up his mouth and these words he cried:

G D

'Just as the birds that you see in the sky

F X Em

Do not trust alone in their wings to fly

G D

So man must never be governed by man

F C Em C

There's so much as yet he cannot un - der - stand

A

Em A

Whoa oh oh oh Guru Rakhan

He was just a man

Just another man

Only just a man...