

# Red Right Hand

Key of Bm

Nick Cave

Intro:

**Bm**

(4 bars)

Verse 1:

**Bm**

Take a little walk to the edge of town and go across the tracks  
Where the viaduct looms like a bird of doom as it shifts and cracks

**Em**

Where secrets lie in the border fires in the humming wires

**Bm**

Hey man you know you're never coming back  
Past the square past the bridge past the mills past the stacks

**F#7**

On a gathering storm comes a tall handsome man

**E7**

In a dusty black coat with a red right hand

**Bm**

Verse 2:

**Bm**

He'll wrap you in his arms tell you that you've been a good boy  
He'll rekindle all the dreams it took you a lifetime to destroy

**Em**

He'll reach deep into the hole heal your shrinking soul

**Bm**

But there won't be a single thing that you can do  
He's a God he's a man he's a ghost he's a gu-ru

**F#7**

They're whispering his name through this disappearing land

**E7**

But hidden in his coat is a red right hand

**Bm**

Verse 3:

**Bm**

You don't have no money he'll get you some  
You don't have no car he'll get you one

**Em**

You don't have no self respect you feel like an insect

**Bm**

Well don't you worry buddy 'cause here he comes  
Through the ghettos and the barrio and the bowery and the slum

**F#7**

A shadow is cast wherever he stands

**E7**

Stacks of green paper in his red right hand

**Bm**

**Break:**

**Bm**

A	5-----4-5-	4--2-4-2----0-2-	0-----	2-----
E	-----	-----	-----2-----	-----
G	7-----6-7-	6--4-6-4----2-4-	2-----	4-----

**Bm**

A	5-----4-5-	4--2-4-2----0-2-	0-----	2-----
E	-----	-----	-----2-----	-----
G	7-----6-7-	6--4-6-4----2-4-	2-----	4-----

**Em**

A	9-----7-9-	7--5-7-5----4-5-	4-----0---	2-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----
G	11-----9-11	9--7-9-7----6-7-	6-----2---	4-----

**Bm**

A	5-----4-5-	4--2-4-2----0-2-	0-----	2-----4-5-7-
E	-----	-----	-----2-----	-----
G	7-----6-7-	6--4-6-4----2-4-	2-----	4-----

**F#7**

**E7**

D	7-----7-5-4-	7-5-4-----0-2-4-	5----5-4-2-0-	5-4-2-0-2--0-
C	9-----9-7-6-	9-7-6-----2-4-6-	7----7-6-4-2-	7-6-4-2-4--2-

**Bm**

A	9-----7-9-	7--5-7-5----4-5-	4-----0---	2-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----
G	7-----6-7-	6--4-6-4----2-4-	2-----	4-----

**Instrumental Break:**

**Bm Em Bm F#7 E7 Bm**  
**Bm Cm Bm Cm Bm Cm Bm Cm**

**Verse 4:**

**Bm**

You'll see him in your nightmares you'll see him in your dreams  
He'll appear out of nowhere but he ain't what he seems

**Em**

You'll see him in your head on the TV screen

**Bm**

Hey buddy I'm warning you to turn it off  
He's a ghost he's a God he's a man he's a gu-ru

**F#7**

You're one microscopic cog in his catastrophic plan

**E7**

De-signed and directed by his red right hand