

A Hard Day's Night (1964) Words and Music by John Lennon and Paul McCartney
The Album

- released July 1964 in conjunction with the release of the film
- Side 1 is soundtrack; Side 2 is added material; different releases in UK and US
- George added a Rickenbacker 12-string guitar; adds a new dimension to the sound

"I Should Have Known Better"

12:30 in film

Harmonica, guitars (George on 12-string), bass, drums, vocals (John lead)

Upbeat mood:

Common time in G major

Half-bar chord changes / drum emphasis on 1 and 3 / progression is straight-forward / melody is contained and repeated / interest comes in form

Intro

Verse 1 (A)

Verse 3 (A)

Guitar solo

Verse 2 (A'-
different chords to end)

Verse 2 (A')

Bridge

Bridge

Coda

"If I Fell"

31:20 in film

Guitars (George on 12-string), bass, drums, vocals (John and Paul,
harmonizing in thirds and sixths)

Follow score for opening Eb minor and ending in D major

Chords and rhythm create larger phrases:

If I | give my | heart to | you -

D Fdim - Em7 emphasizing ii/D

I | must be sure from the |

A7 D

Intro (Eb minor)

Verse 1 [A] (D major)

Verse 2 " " D9 ("her") leads to bridge [CD: 1:00]

Bridge

Verse 3 [A] (D major)

Bridge

Verse 3 [A] (D major)

Coda

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