

What's Happening Brother (Marvin Gaye)

I based this transcription off of Marvin's piano + Jamerson's bass root notes on the track. There are quite a few augmented 5th chords, which is basically playing the full chord with the added 5th note -- so if playing Em, just add the C note, and so on. It gives a great dissonant chord sound and it is all throughout the song.

Intro - Emaug5 w5 /A Fmaug5 w5 /Bb

Fm/D E/G Abm/G
Hey baby, what'cha know good

Gmaug5 w5 /C
I'm just gettin' back, but you knew I would

Eb/F F7
War is hell, when will it end,

Fm7 Ab/Bb Bb
When will people start gettin' together again

Faug5 w5/Bb C#dim7/G Abmaj7th
Are things really gettin' better, like the newspaper said

Eb/F F7 Fm7
Bb
What else is new my friend, besides what I read

Abmaj7/Bb
Can't find no work, can't find no job my friend
Money is tighter than it's ever been

Ab/Bb - Abm Gm7
Say man, I just don't understand

Cm7
What's going on across this land

Abmaj7/F
Ah what's happening brother,

Abmaj7/Bb
Oh ya, what's happening my man

Abmaj7/Bb
Are they still gettin' down where we used to go and dance
Will our ball club win the pennant,
do you think they have a chance

Ab/Bb - Abm Gm7 Cm7
And tell me friend, how in the world have you been.

Abmaj7/F
Tell me what's out and I want to know what's in.

Abmaj7/Bb

What's the deal man, what's happening

Abmaj7

What's happening brother

Ah what's happening brother

What's happening my man

Ah what's happening brother

Ebmaug5 w5 /Ab

What's been shaken up and down the line

I want to know cause I'm slightly behind the time.