

# ROYALS BY Lorde

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## INTRO

Start song with the harmonics (4 bars),  
then low slide (4 bars), then  
high slide (4 bars) and continue through  
verse 1.

**VERSE 1** *soloist* **C** *ostinato starts*  
I've never seen a diamond in the flesh  
I cut my teeth on wedding rings in the  
movies  
And I'm not proud of my address - in  
the torn up town  
No postcode envy

## PRECHORUS (all sing underline)

**C** *offbeat strum*  
But every song's like: gold teeth, grey  
goose, trippin' in the bathroom  
Blood stains, ballgowns, trashin' the  
hotel room

**Bb** **F**  
We don't care - we're driving Cadillacs  
in our dreams

**C**  
But everybody's like: Cristal, Maibach,  
diamonds on your timepiece  
Jet planes, islands, tigers on a gold  
leash

**Bb** **F** *single strum*  
We don't care - we aren't caught up in  
your love affair

## CHORUS all sing underline

**down up down strum** **C**  
And we'll never be royals (ROYALS)- It  
don't run in our blood

**Bb**  
That kind of lux just ain't for us

**F**  
We crave a different kind of buzz

**C**  
Let me be your ruler (RULER)- you can  
call me Queen Bee

**Bb**  
And baby I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll  
F thumb strum

rule (*cascading harmonics on rule*)  
nc

Let me live that fantasy

**4 bars of ostinato, harmonics and  
slides (continue through verse 2)**

## VERSE 2 duet **C**

My friends and I we've cracked the code  
We count our dollars on the train to the  
party  
And everyone who knows us knows that  
we're fine with this  
We didn't come from money

## PRECHORUS CHORUS

*Play bridge riff twice through before Bridge*

## BRIDGE single chord thumb strums

**C**  
oh ooh oh ohh (*all voices harmonies*)

**Bb**  
We're bigger than we ever dreamed

**F**  
And I'm in love with being queen

**C**  
oh ooh oh ohh (*all voices harmonies*)

**Bb**  
Life's a game without a care

**F** *thumb strum*  
We aren't caught up in your love affair

## John Farnam mash-up section

### C down up down strum

You're the voice, try and understand it  
Make a noise and make it clear

**Bb** **F**  
Oh-wo-wo-wo, oh-wo-wo-wo

**C**  
We're not gonna sit in silence  
We're not gonna live with fear

**Bb** **F**  
Oh-wo-wo-wo, oh-wo-wo-wo

## CHORUS TO END

