TAKE NO PRISONERS
(Janis Ian)

Dm7       Em/D
The writer wrote. The singer sung.
Dm7       Em/D
The record broke. The audience was stunned.
Dm7       Em/D
Some they begged for mercy, others even cried.
A7
Some fled, left for dead.
A7sus4    Dm7
Some said it changed their lives.
Gm7       Am7
And the writer said “I wish you’d known me
Bb6       C
When I still believed in the truth.
Gm7
Now it’s all I have left,
...C2     Dm7
a-long with my debts and lack of youth”

He said –

Dm7
Take no prisoners.
Em/D
Tell no lies.
Em/D         Dm7 – Dm7 – Em/D
No pretty songs of compro-mise.
Dm7
Take no prisoners.
Em/D
Tell no lies.

(Guitar only) A7 asc. fretboard

A7sus4    Dm
...It’s a good day to die.
God spoke. The people laughed.
The tablets broke while they were pissing on the golden calf
Some found their heaven, some found their hell
Some ran to Canaan land, others lay where they fell
And God said "I wish you’d known me
When I still believed you’d be true
Now for the rest of your days when you call out my name
I’ll be MR GOD TO YOU – He said

    Take no prisoners. Tell no lies.
    No petty songs of compromise.
    Take no prisoners. Tell no lies.
    It’s a good day to die.

And the lover said why don’t you touch me?
Reach out your hand just like this
You can capture my soul you can take hold
And kill me with a kiss. She said –

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    No pretty songs of compromise.
    Take no prisoners. Tell no lies.
    It’s a good day to die.
    It’s a good day to die.
    It’s a good day....