KILLING ME SOFTLY WITH HIS SONG

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X = additional melody notes. At this time Ted didn’t use square and diamond yet, so X’s don’t show the order in which to play them. Follow the notation.

I heard he sang a good song. I heard he had

a style, and so I came to see him to

listen for a while. And there he was

this young boy, a stranger to my eyes.
Strumming my pain with his fingers, singing my life with his words.

Killing me softly with his song, killing me softly with his

__song__, telling my whole life with his word, killing me soft-

ly________________________ with his song.
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Ted Greene Chord Progression Analysis

[On Ted's analysis page he did the B section first, then the A section.]

|--------key of Ab--------|

A

ii  V7  I  IV
Bbm7  Eb9  AbΔ7  DbΔ7

ii  V of vi (III)  vi  vi  (VI)
Bbm7  C7  Fm7  Fm7  (or F7)

ii  V  I  V of vi (III)
Bbm7  Eb7  AbΔ7  C7

B

vi  ii  V  I
Fm7  Bbm7  Eb7  AbΔ7

[Stumming my pain with his fingers...]

|---------key of Eb---------|  |--------key of Ab--------|

ii  V  I  IV
Fm7  Bb7  EbΔ7  DbΔ11

I  IV  bVII  VI
Ab  Db  GbΔ11  (or bII of new I ---->) F

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vi | ii | V | I | ii | vi
Fm7 | Bbm7 | E67 | Ab7 | Fm7 | Bb7 | E67

IV | I | IV
Db (+11) | Ab | Db | Gb (+11) | Gb (+11) | vi

vi | ii | vi | vi
Bbm7 | E67 | Ab7 | Bbm7 | C7 | Fm7

vi | ii | vi 
Fm7 (6 F7) | Bbm7 | E67 | Ab7 | C7 (III)

Chord Diagrams: