SONG SHEET NOTES

I derived the chord positions shown by listening to Michael Johnson’s recordings and/or watching him perform, either live or in video.

In some instances, due to my level of talent being far below that of Mr. Johnson, I may have consciously altered chords to make for easier playing. In this particular instance, MJ does a chord with a huge stretch at the line “she tangels dogwood blossoms”, and I figured out a way to get the same sound in an easier position.

I cannot contend that what is shown is how the original was played. It should also be noted that, from what I’ve seen, Michael Johnson did not necessarily play a song the same way every time.

I have neither the patience nor skill to write tablature so it is up to the player to figure out what the picking hand is to do.

It is my hope that, at the least, this document could serve as a starting point for someone wanting to play the wonderful songs that Michael Johnson gave to us.

Sincerely,

Paul Ashley
1. I'm just a fool for April. There's nothing more to say.

1. Long as I can remember she's led my heart astray.

1. When I was green as willow she had me ditchin' school.

1. And even then she tricked me I'm just an April fool.

2. She tangles dogwood blossoms into her yellow hair.

2. She uses the same perfume the smoky mountains wear.

2. She keeps the flame of summer 'round her neck as a jewel.

2. She breezes in to see me And I'm an April fool.

BRIDGE

B1. She en-trances me and she dances me and she flies me like a kite.

B2. Then there comes a day when she will not stay and I lie awake at night.

B1. And I soon forget she's only come to play.

B3. Hoping next time April may
3. When I walked out this morning April had up and gone

3. And it was clear as water She’d only led me on

3. And it will be next winter before my heels will cool

3. And then I will forgive her. I’m just an April fool

3. She knows I will forgive her

I’m just an April fool.

Alternate Chords

Easier:

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What Michael Johnson Plays:

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