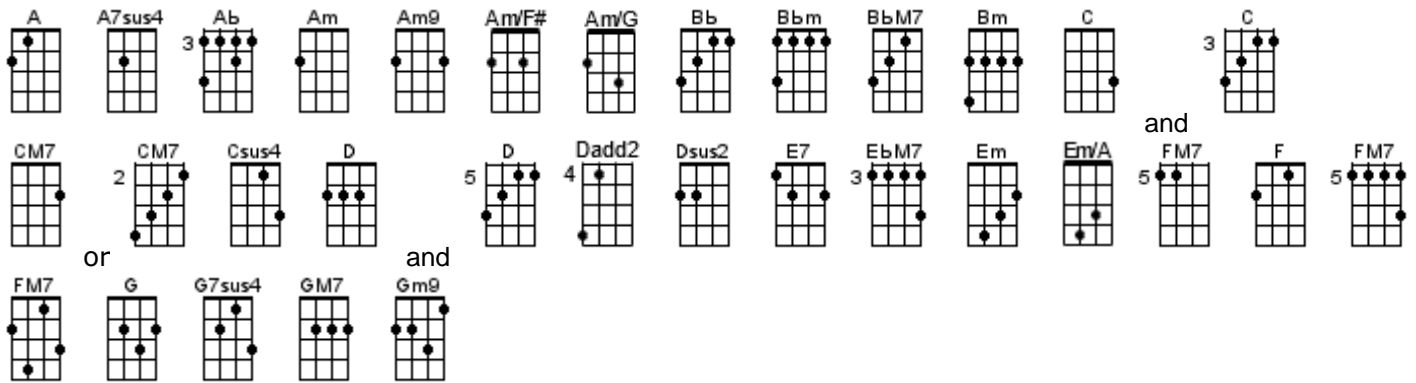


# Taxi

Harry Chapin 1972



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**[C][G7sus4] / [C][G7sus4] / [C][G7sus4] / [C][G7sus4]**

It was **[C]** raining **[G7sus4]** hard in **[C]** Frisco **[G7sus4]**  
I needed **[C]** one more **[G7sus4]** fare to make my **[C]** night **[G7sus4]**  
A **[C]** lady up a-**[G7sus4]**head waved to **[C]** flag me **[G7sus4]** down  
**[Bb]** She got **[Ab]** in at the **[C]** light **[G7sus4]** **[C]** **[G7sus4]**

**[C]** Where you going **[G7sus4]** to my **[C]** Lady **[G7sus4]** Blue  
It's a **[C]** shame you **[G7sus4]** ruined your **[C]** gown **[G7sus4]** in the **[C]** rain **[G7sus4]**  
**[C]** She just **[G7sus4]** looked out the **[C]** window **[G7sus4]**  
She said, **[Bb]** "16 **[Ab]** Parkside **[C]** Lane." **[G7sus4]** **[C.2]** **[Csus4]**

**[C.2][Bb] / [D.2] / [C.2][Bb] / [D][A7sus4] / [D][A7sus4] /**

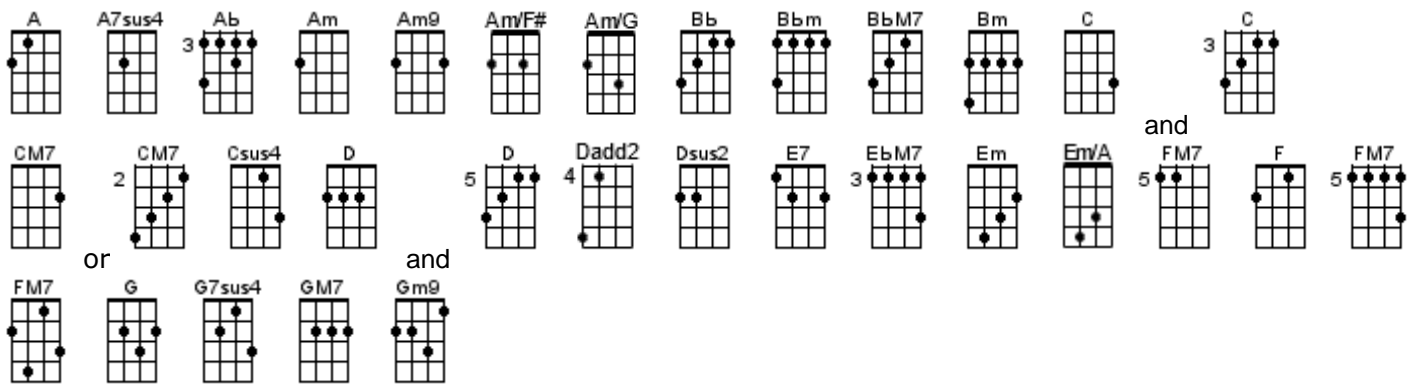
**[D]** Something a-**[Am]**bout her was fa-**[D]**miliar **[A7sus4]**  
I could **[D]** swear I seen her **[Am]** face be-**[D]**fore **[A7sus4]**  
But she **[D]** said, "I'm **[Am]** sure you're mis-**[D]**taken." **[A7sus4]**  
And she **[C]** didn't say **[Bb]** anything **[D]** more. **[A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**

It, took a **[D]** while but she **[Am]** looked in the **[D]** mirror **[A7sus4]**  
Then she **[D]** glanced at the **[Am]** license for my **[D]** name **[A7sus4]**  
A **[D]** smile seemed to **[Am]** come to her **[D]** slowly **[A7sus4]**  
It was a **[C]** sad **[Bb]** smile just the **[D]** same **[A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**

And she **[G]** said, "How are you, **[D]** Harry?"  
I **[C]** said, **[G]** "How are you, **[D]** Sue?"  
Through the **[G]** too many miles and the **[D]** too little **[Bm]** smiles  
I **[Em7]** still **[Em/A]** remember **[D]** you." **[A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**

**[C] [Bb] / [D] [Dsus2] / [D] [Dsus2]**

It was **[D]** somewhere **[Am]** in a **[D]** fairy tale **[A7sus4]**  
I **[D]** used to take her **[Am]** home in my **[D]** car **[A7sus4]**  
We **[D]** learned about **[Am]** love in the **[D]** back of a **[A7sus4]** Dodge  
The **[C]** lesson hadn't **[Bb]** gone too **[D]** far **[A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**



You see, **[G]** she was gonna be an **[Em]** actress  
 And **[D]** I was gonna learn to **[Bm]** fly  
**[G]** She took off to find the **[D]** footlights  
**[C]** I took **[Bb]** off to find the **[D]** sky **[A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**

**[C] [C] [C] [C]**

Oh, **[C]** I've got something inside me  
**[Bm]** To drive the princess **[E7]** blind  
 There's a **[Am/G]** wild **[Am/F#]** man **[Am/G]** wizard  
**[Am]** he's **[Am/F#]** hiding in **[Am]** me  
**[D]** Illuminating my **[Em]** mind

**[C]** I got something inside me  
**[Bm]** Not what my life's a-**[E7]**bout  
 'Cause **[Am]** I **[Am/G]** been **[Am/F#]** letting **[Am]** my  
**[Am/G]** outside **[Am/F#]** tide me  
**[Bbmaj7]** Over 'til my time runs **[Ebmaj7]** out

**[Ebmaj7] / [Ebmaj7] / [Ebmaj7] / [Bbmaj7] / [F]**

**[F]** Baby's so high that she's **[Cmaj7]** skying (sung falsetto by Big John Wallace)  
 Yeah she's **[Gm7]** flying, but afraid to **[C7]** fall  
 And **[F]** I'll tell you **[Fmaj7]** why Baby's **[Em]** crying  
 'Cause she's **[Am9]** dying, aren't we **[Gm9]** all? **[D][A7sus4]**

There was **[D]** not much **[Am]** more for us to **[D]** talk about **[A7sus4]**  
 What-**[D]**ever we **[Am]** had once was **[D]** gone **[A7sus4]**  
 So I **[D]** turned the **[Am]** cab into the **[D]** driveway **[A7sus4]**  
 Past the **[C]** gate and the **[Bb]** fine trimmed **[D]** lawns **[A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**

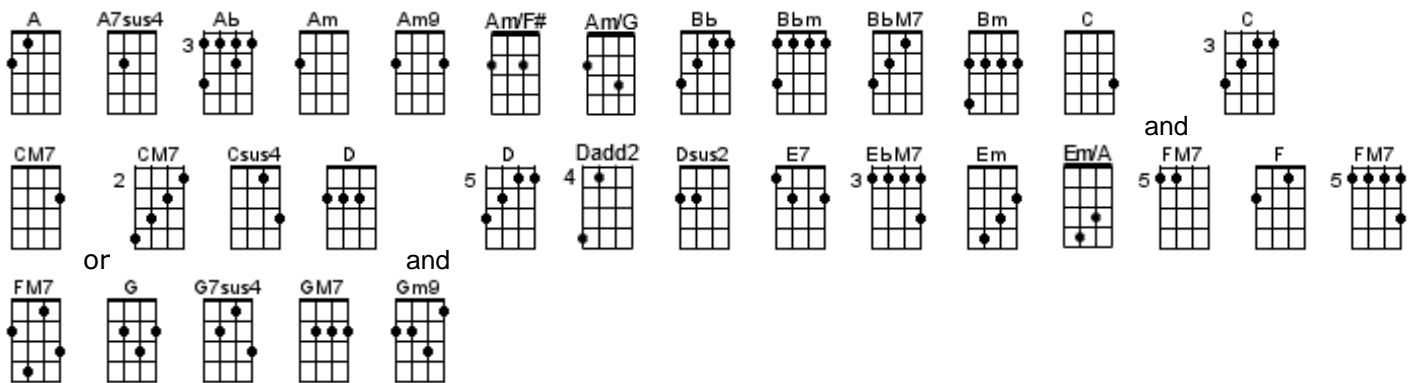
And she **[D]** said, "We **[Am]** must get to-**[D]**gether." **[A7sus4]**  
 But I **[D]** knew it'd never **[Am]** be ar-**[D]**ranged. **[A7sus4]**  
 And she **[D]** handed me twenty **[Am]** dollars for a **[D]** two-fifty **[A7sus4]** fare  
 She said, **[C]** "Harry, **[Bb]** keep the change." **[D][A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**

Well **[Dadd2]** another man might have been angry  
 And another man might have been hurt  
 But another man never would have let her go  
**[C]** I stashed the **[Bb]** bill in my **[D]** shirt. **[A7sus4][D][A7sus4]**

And she [G] walked away in [D] silence  
 It's [C] strange how you [G] never [D] know  
 But [G] we'd both [Em] gotten what we'd [D] asked [Bm] for  
 Such a [Em7] long, long [Em/A] time a-[D]go [A7sus4][D][A7sus4]

You see, [D] she was gonna [Am] be an [D] actress [A7sus4]  
 And [D] I was gonna [Am] learn to [D] fly [A7sus4]  
 [D] She took [Am] off to find the [D] footlights [A7sus4]  
 [C] I took [Bb] off to find the [D] sky [A7sus4][D][A7sus4]

And [G] here she's acting [Em] happy  
 In-[D]side her handsome [Bm] home  
 And [G] me I'm flying in my [D] taxi  
 Taking [C] tips [Bb] and getting [D] stoned  
 I go [Em] flying so [A]↓ high  
 When I'm [D] stoned [A7sus4][D][A7sus4] [D]↓



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