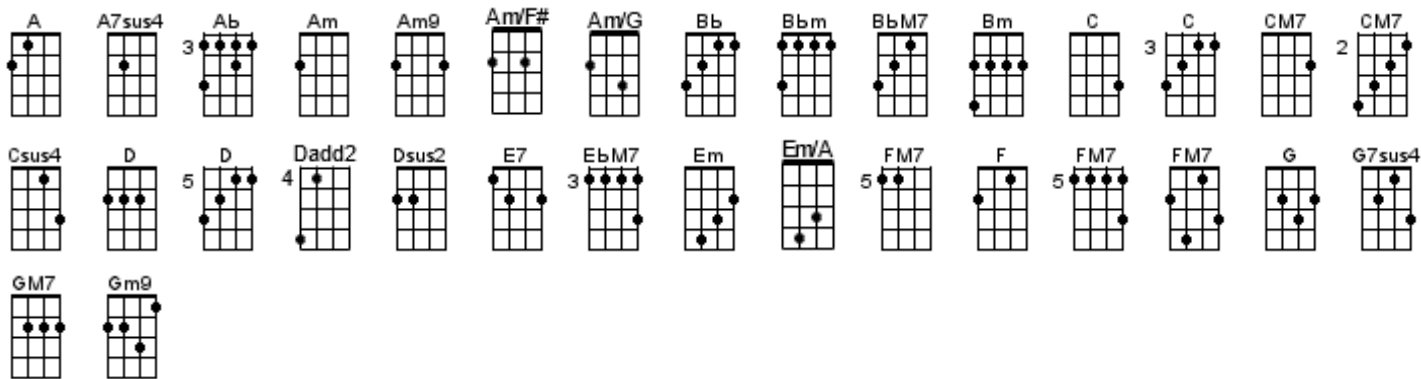


# Taxi

Harry Chapin 1972



**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [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.1] [Csus4]

**[C.1][Bb] / [D.1] / [C.1][Bb] / [D][A7sus4] / [D][A7sus4] /**

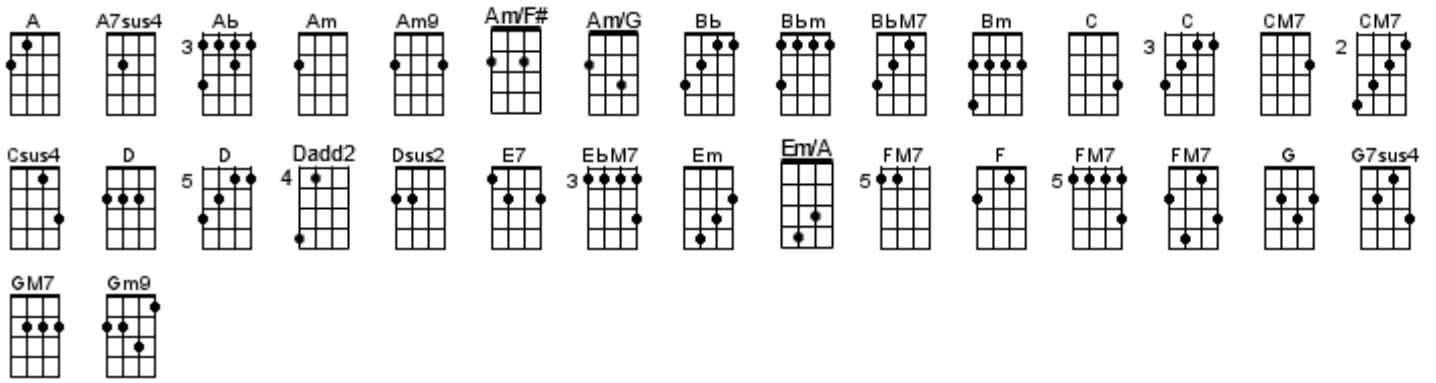
[D] Something a-[Am]bout her was fa-[D]miliar [A7sus4]  
I could [D] swear I seen her [Am] face be-[D]fore [A7sus4]  
But she [D] said, "I'm [Am] sure you're mis-[D]taken." [A7sus4]  
And she [C] didn't say [Bb] anything [D] more. [A7sus4][D][A7sus4]

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]↓

