**Hello In There**

John Prine 1971

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**[C]** John and **[Dm]** Linda live in **[G]** Omaha **[G]**

**[C]** And Joe is **[Dm]** somewhere on the **[G]** road **[G]**

**[Cmaj7]** We lost Davy in the Ko-**[F]**rean war **[F]**

And I still don't **[C]** know what for **[C]**

Don't matter **[G]** anymore **[G]**

**CHORUS:**

**[Bb]** You know that old trees just grow **[C]** stronger **[C]**

And old **[Bb]** rivers, grow wilder every **[C]** day **[C]**

**[Em]** Old people just grow **[F]** lonesome **[F]**

Waitin’ for **[C]** someone to say **[C]**

Hel-**[G]**lo in there, hel-**[C]↓**lo **2 / 1 2 /**

**[C]** Me and Lo-**[Dm]**retta, we don't **[G]** talk much more **[G]**

**[C]** She sits and **[Dm]** stares through the backdoor **[G]** screen **[G]**

**[Cmaj7]** And all the news just re-**[F]**peats itself **[F]**

Like some for-**[C]**gotten dream **[C]**

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**[C]** Someday I'll **[Dm]** go and call up **[G]** Rudy **[G]**

**[C]** We worked to-**[Dm]**gether at the facto-**[G]**ry **[G]**

**[Cmaj7]** But what could I say, if he **[F]** asks what's new? **[F]**

"Nothin’ **[C]** what's with you **[C]**

Nothin’ **[G]** much to do" **[G]**

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**[C]** So if you're **[Dm]** walkin’ down the **[G]** street sometime **[G]**

**[C]** And spot some **[Dm]** hollow ancient **[G]** eyes **[G]**

**[Cmaj7]** Please don't just, pass them **[F]** by and stare **[F]**

As if you **[C]** didn't care **[C]**

Say hel-**[G]**lo in there, hel-**[C]↓**lo

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