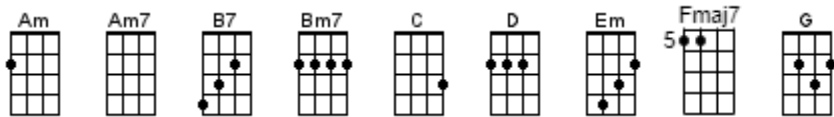


# Diamonds & Rust

Joan Baez 1974



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**[Em] / [Em] / [Em] / [Em] /**  
**[Em] / [Em] / [Em] / [Am] /**  
**[Em] / [B7] / [B7] / [Em] / [Em] /**  
**[Em] / [Em]**

Well **[Em]** I'll be damned **[Em]**  
Here comes your **[C]** ghost again **[C]**  
But that's not un-**[G]**usual **[G]**  
It's just that the **[D]** moon is full **[D]**  
And you happened to **[Em]** call **[Em]**

And **[Em]** here I sit **[Em]**  
Hand on the **[C]** telephone **[C]**  
Hearing a **[G]** voice I'd known **[G]**  
A couple of **[D]** light years ago **[D]**  
Heading straight for a **[Em]** fall **[Em] / [Em] / [Em]**

As **[Em]** I remember your eyes  
Were bluer than **[C]** robin's eggs **[C]**  
My poetry was **[G]** lousy you said **[G]**  
Where are you **[D]** calling from? **[D]**  
A booth in the **[Em]** Midwest **[Em]**

**[Em]** Ten years ago, I bought you  
Some **[C]** cufflinks **[C]**  
You brought me **[G]** something **[G]**  
We both know what **[D]** memories can bring **[D]**  
They bring diamonds and **[Em]** rust **[Em]**

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**[Em] / [B7] / [B7] /**  
**[Em] / [Em] / [Em] / [Em]**

Well **[Em]** you burst on the scene  
Already a **[C]** legend **[C]**  
The unwashed phe-**[G]**nomenon **[G]**  
The original **[D]** vagabond **[D]**  
You strayed into my **[Em]** arms **[Em]**

And **[Em]** there you stayed  
**[Em]** Temporarily **[C]** lost at sea **[C]**  
 The Madonna was **[G]** yours for free **[G]**  
 Yes the girl on the **[D]** half-shell **[D]**  
 Would keep you un-**[Em]**harmed

/ **[Em]** / **[Em]** / **[Em]**

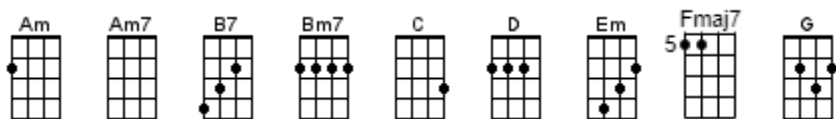
Now I **[Bm7]** see you standing with brown leaves  
**[Bm7]** Falling all around and snow in your **[Am7]** hair **[Am7]**  
 Now you're **[Bm7]** smiling out the window of that crummy ho-**[Bm7]**tel  
 Over Washington **[Am7]** Square **[Am7]**

Our **[C]** breath comes out white clouds  
**[Am7]** Mingles and hangs in the **[G]** air **[G]**  
 Speaking **[Fmaj7]** strictly for me  
 We **[Fmaj7]** both could have died then and **[G]** there **[G]** / **[B7]** /

**[Em]** / **[Am]** / **[Em]** / **[Am]** / **[B7]** /  
**[Em]** / **[Em]** / **[Em]** / **[Em]**

Now you're **[Em]** telling me **[Em]**  
 You're not nos-**[C]**talgic **[C]**  
 Then give me another **[G]** word for it **[G]**  
 You who are so **[D]** good with words **[D]**  
 And at keeping things **[Em]** vague **[Em]**

Because **[Em]** I need some of that vagueness now  
 It's all come back too **[C]** clearly **[C]**  
 Yes I loved you **[G]** dearly **[G]**  
 And if you're offering me **[D]** diamonds and rust **[D]**  
 I've already **[Em]** paid **[Em]** / **[Em]** / **[Em]** / **[Em]**↓



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