

I Wanna Learn A Love Song

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CAPO 5

Tune 6 to D

Intro D - Dsus - D - Dsus - D - Dsus - D - Dsus

Verse

Em
I come fresh from the street,

A
Fast on my feet,

G Em D
Kinda lean and lazy

Em
Not much meat on my bones,

A
And a whole lot alone

G Em D
And more than a little bit crazy

C G
The old six string was all I had

Em Bm
To keep my belly still

Em A
And for each full hour lesson I gave

G Em D - Dsus - D - Dsus - D
I got a crisp ten-dollar bill

Verse

Em A
She was married for seven years

G Em D
To a concrete castle king

Em A
She said she wanted to learn to play the guitar

G Em D
And to hear her children sing

C G
So I'd show up about once a week

Em Bm
In my faded tight-legged jeans

Em A
With a backlog full of hobo stories

G
And dilapidated dreams

Chorus

^D
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^{Em}
Full of happy things."

^A
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^G
Won't you let me hear you sing?"

^D
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^{Em}
I wanna hear you play."

^A
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^G ^{Em} D - Dsus - D - Dsus - D - Dsus - D - Dsus
Before you go away."

Verse

^{Em} ^A
So I tried to teach her a couple of chords

^G ^{Em} ^D
And an easy melody

^{Em} ^A
But it always turned out she'd rather listen to

^G ^{Em} ^D
My guitar and me

^C ^G
I could hear her old man laughing in the den

^{Em} ^{Bm}
Playing stud poker with the boys

^{Em} ^A
While I sang so soft in the living room

^G ^{Em} ^D <quieter>
Too scared to make much noise.

^{Em} ^A
I came one week and the den was dark

^G ^{Em} ^D
And she met me at the door

^{Em} ^A
And we sat on the couch and we sang and talked

^G ^{Em} ^D
'Till I could not sing no more

^C ^G
The silence kept on building

Em Bm
Her eyes grew much too wide

Em A
And I could hear both of our heart-beats

G
But there was no place to hide

Chorus

D
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

Em
Full of happy things."

A
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

G
Won't you let me hear you sing?"

D
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

Em
I wanna hear you play."

A
She said, "I wanna learn a love song

G Em D - D(sus4) - D - D(sus4) - D - D(sus2) - D
Before you go away."

Interlude

D/C - D/C(sus4) - D/C - D/C(sus4) - D/C - D/C(sus2) - D/C

D/B - D/B(sus4) - D/B - D/B(sus4) - D/B - D/B(sus2) - D/B

A - A - A

A - A - A

D5 - Eb5 - Em

Verse

Em A
I guess you know what happened

G Em D
My God, I never been so clean

Em A
Yes, I feel like I'm working in a Hollywood movie

G Em D
Or living out a good-bad dream

C G
And all them pinup girls in that tinsel world

Em Bm
Never touched me like she can

Date - sps

Tempo =

Song Name (Rev X)

^{Em} It took another man's wife in the real world life ^A

^G To make this boy a man

Chorus

^D She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^{Em} Full of happy things."

^A She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^G Won't you let me hear you sing?"

^D She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^{Em} I wanna hear you play."

^A She said, "I wanna learn a love song

^G ^{Em} ^{D - Dsus - D - Dsus - D - Dsus - D - Dsus}
Before you go away."

^G ^{Em} ^D
I guess you know I stayed

Outro

^{G - Em - D}