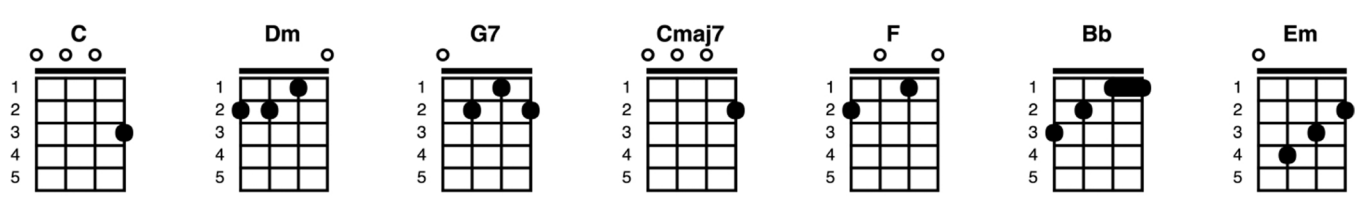


Hello In There

John Prine



(Intro-Finger Picking)

C Dm G7 C Dm G7
Cmaj7 F C G7

(Verse 1)

C Dm G7
We had an apartment in the city,
C Dm G7
Me and Loretta liked living there.
Cmaj7 F
It'd been years since the kids had grown,
C G7
A life of their own and left us alone.
C Dm G7
John and Linda live in Omaha,
C Dm G7
And Joe is somewhere on the road.
Cmaj7 F
We lost Davy in the Korean war,
C G7
And still don't know what for, don't matter anymore.

(Chorus 1)

Bb C
Ya know old trees just grow stronger,
Bb C
And old rivers grow wilder ev'ry day.
Em F
Old people just grow lonesome
C G7 C-Pause
Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in therrrre, hello."

(Instrumental-Finger Picking)

C Dm G7 C Dm G7
Cmaj7 F C G7

(Verse 2)

C Dm G7
Me and Loretta, we don't talk much more,
C Dm G7
She sits and stares through the back door screen.
Cmaj7 F
And all the news just repeats itself
C G7
Like some forgotten dream that we've both seen.
C Dm G7
Someday I'll go and call up Rudy,
C Dm G7
We worked together at the factory.
Cmaj7 F
But what could I say if he asks, "What's new?"
C G7
Nothing, what's with you? Nothing much to do.

(Chorus 1)

Bb C
Ya know old trees just grow stronger,
Bb C
And old rivers grow wilder ev'ry day.
Em F
Old people just grow lonesome
C G7 C-Pause
Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in therrrre, hello."

(Verse 3)

C Dm G7
So if you're walking down the street sometime
C Dm G7
And spot some hollow ancient eyes,
Cmaj7 F
Please don't just pass 'em by and stare
C G7 C-Hold
As if you didn't care, say, "Hello in therrrre, hello."