Hello In There

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C   Dm   G7   Cmaj7   F   Bb   Em
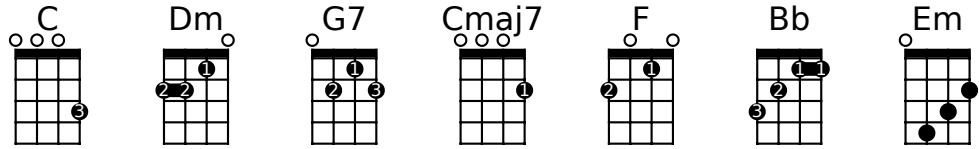
(Intro-Finger Picking)
[C] [Dm] [G7]   [C] [Dm]   [G7]

[Cmaj7] [F]   [C]   [G7]

(Verse 1)
We **[C]**had an apa**[Dm]**rtment in the **[G7]**city,
[C] Me and **[Dm]**Loretta liked living **[G7]**there.
[Cmaj7]   It'd been years since the **[F]**kids had grown,
A life **[C]**of their own and left us **[G7]**alone.
[C] John and **[Dm]**Linda live in **[G7]**Omaha,
[C]And Joe is **[Dm]**somewhere on the **[G7]**road.
[Cmaj7]   We lost Davy in the **[F]**Korean war,
And still don't **[C]**know what for, don't matter **[G7]**anymore.

(Chorus 1)
[Bb]Ya know old trees just grow **[C]**stronger,
[Bb]And old rivers grow wilder ev'ry **[C]**day.
[Em]Old people just grow **[F]**lonesome
Waiting for **[C]**someone to say,
"**[G7]**Hello in therrrrre, **C-Pause**hello."

(Instrumental-Finger Picking)
[C] [Dm] [G7]   [C] [Dm]   [G7]

[Cmaj7] [F]   [C]   [G7]

(Verse 2)
[C]Me and Lo**[Dm]**retta, we don't **[G7]**talk much more,
[C]She sits and **[Dm]**stares through the back **[G7]**door screen.
[Cmaj7] And all the news just **[F]**repeats itself

Like some for**[C]**gotten dream that we've **[G7]**both seen.
[C]Someday I'll **[Dm]**go and call up **[G7]**Rudy,
[C]We worked to**[Dm]**gether at the **[G7]**factory.
[Cmaj7] But what could I say if **[F]**he asks, "What's new?"
Nothing, **[C]**what's with you? Nothing **[G7]**much to do.

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(Verse 3)
[C]So if you're **[Dm]**walking down the **[G7]**street sometime
[C]And spot some h**[Dm]**ollow ancient **[G7]**eyes,
[Cmaj7]   Please don't just pass 'em b**[F]**y and stare
As if you **[C]**didn't care, say,
"**[G7]**Hello in therrrrre, **C-Hold**hello."