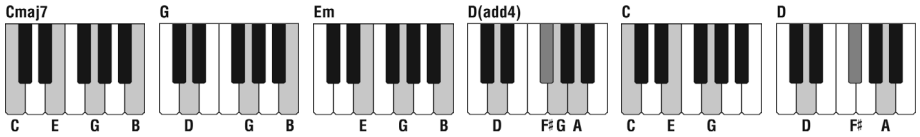


Fast Car

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Intro

||: Cmaj7 G | Em Dadd4 :|| Play 4 times

Verse 1

Cmaj7 G
You got a fast ___ car,
Em Dadd4
I want a ticket ___ to anywhere.
Cmaj7 G
Maybe we make a deal,
Em Dadd4
Maybe together we can get somewhere.
Cmaj7 G
Anyplace is better.
Em Dadd4
Starting from zero, got nothing to lose.
Cmaj7 G
Maybe we'll make something;
Em Dadd4
Me, myself, I got nothing to prove.

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Interlude 1

||: Cmaj7 G | Em Dadd4 :||

Verse 2

Cmaj7 G

You got a fast ___ car,

Em Dadd4

I got a plan ___ to get us out of here.

Cmaj7 G

I been working at the con-venience store,

Em Dadd4

Managed to save just a little bit of money.

Cmaj7 G

Won't have to drive too far,

Em Dadd4

Just 'cross the border and into the city.

Cmaj7 G

You and I can both get jobs

Em Dadd4

And finally see what it means to be living.

Interlude 2

Repeat Interlude 1

Verse 3

Cmaj7 G

You see, my old man's got a problem.

Em Dadd4

He live with the bottle, that's the way it is.

Cmaj7 G

He says his body's too old for working;

Em Dadd4

His body's too young ___ to look like his.

Cmaj7 G

My mama went off and left him;

Em Dadd4

She wanted more from life than he could give.

Cmaj7 G

I said somebody's got to take care of him.

Em Dadd4

So I quit school and that's what I did.

Interlude 3

Repeat Interlude 1

Verse 4

Cmaj7 G
You got a fast ___ car,
Em Dadd4
But is it fast enough so we can fly away?
Cmaj7 G
We gotta make a decision:
Em Dadd4
Leave tonight or live and die this way.
| **Cmaj7 G** | **Em Dadd4** | **Cmaj7 G** |
Em Dadd4
'Cause I remember when we were...

Chorus 1

C
Driving, driving in your car,
G
The speed so fast I felt like I was drunk.
Em
City lights lay out before us
D
And your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder.
C Em D
And I, I had a feeling that I belonged.
C Em D
I, I had a feeling I could be someone,
C D
Be someone, be someone.

Interlude 4

Repeat Interlude 1

Verse 5

Cmaj7 G

You got a fast ___ car.

Em Dadd4

We go cruising to entertain ourselves.

Cmaj7 G

You still ain't got a job

Em Dadd4

And I work in a market as a checkout girl.

Cmaj7 G

I know things will get better;

Em Dadd4

You'll find work and I'll get promoted.

Cmaj7 G

We'll move out of the shelter,

Em Dadd4

Buy a big house and live in the suburbs.

| **Cmaj7 G** | **Em Dadd4** | **Cmaj7 G** |

Em Dadd4

'Cause I remember when we were...

Chorus 2

Repeat Chorus 1

Interlude 5

Repeat Interlude 1

Verse 6

Cmaj7 G
You got a fast ___ car.
Em Dadd4
I got a job that pays all our bills.
Cmaj7 G
You stay out drinking late at the bar;
Em Dadd4
See more of your friends than you do of your kids.
Cmaj7 G
I'd always hoped for better;
Em Dadd4
Thought maybe together you and me'd find it.
Cmaj7 G
I got no plans, I ain't going nowhere,
Em Dadd4
So take your fast car and keep on driving.
Cmaj7 G | Em Dadd4 | Cmaj7 G |
Em Dadd4
'Cause I remember when we were...

Chorus 3

Repeat Chorus 1

Interlude 6

Repeat Interlude 1

Verse 7

Cmaj7 G
You got a fast ___ car.
Em Dadd4
Is it fast enough so you can fly away?
Cmaj7 G
You gotta make a decision:
Em Dadd4
Leave tonight or live and die this way.

Outro

||: Cmaj7 G | Em Dadd4 :|| Play 3 times
| Cmaj7 G ||