

HELLO IN THERE

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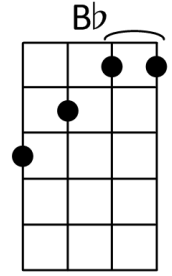
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Key: C **Start note:** C **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** D_ du du du or picking

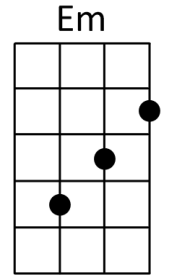
Intro: C /// Dm /// G7 /// G7 /// C /// Dm /// G7 /// G7 ///

Em /// Em /// F /// F /// C /// C /// G /// G ///

C Dm G7 G7
 1. ...We had an apartment... in the city...
 C Dm G7 G7
 ...Me and Loretta liked... living there.
 Em Em F F
 ...Well it's been years since the kids had grown,
 C C G G



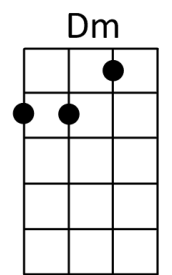
A life of their own.... left us alone.
 C Dm G7 G7
 2. ...John and Linda... live in Omaha,
 C Dm G7 G7
And Joe is somewhere... on the road.
 Em Em F F
We lost Davy in the Korean war,
 C C G G



And I still don't know what for... don't matter anymore.

CHORUS:

Bb Bb C C
...Ya know that old trees just grow stronger,
 Bb Bb C C
And old rivers grow wilder every day.
Em Em F F
...Old people just grow lonesome
 C C G G C↓ (2,3,4)
Waiting for someone to say.... "Hello in there, hello."



C /// Dm /// G7 /// G7 /// C /// Dm /// G7 /// G7 ///

Em /// Em /// F /// F /// C /// C /// G /// G ///

C Dm G7 G7
 3. ...Me and Loretta we don't talk much more,
 C Dm G7 G7
 ...She sits and stares through the back door screen.

Em Em F F
 ...And all the news just repeats itself
 C C G G
 Like some forgotten dream.... That we've both seen.

C Dm G7 G7
 4. ...Someday I'll go and... call up Rudy,
 C Dm G7 G7
 ...We worked together at the factory.
 Em Em F F
 ...What could I say... if he asks, "What's new?"
 C C G G
 "Nothing, what's with you?" ... Nothing much to do.

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 5. ...So if you're walking down the street sometime
 C Dm G7 G7
 ...And spot some hollow ancient eyes,
 Em Em F F
 ...Please don't just pass them by and stare
 C C G G C↓
 As if you didn't care... say, "Hello in there... hello."