

TWENTY-SIX MILES

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

Intro: C / Am / Dm / G7 / C / Am / Dm / G7 / (continue this pattern)

- C Am Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
1. Twenty-six miles across the sea, Santa Catalina is a-waiting for me;
C Am Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
Santa Catalina, the island of romance, romance, romance, romance
C Am Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
Water all around it everywhere, tropical trees and the salty air,
C Am Dm G7 C F C C7
But for me the thing that's a-waitin' there's romance.

F G7 C Am
Bridge: It seems so distant, twenty-six miles away,
F G7 C C7
Restin' in the water serene;
F G7 C Am
(Think I'd) **work for anyone, even the navy,**
D7↓ G7↓
Who would float me to my island dream.

- C Am Dm G7
2. Twenty-six miles, so near, yet far
C Am Dm G7
I'd swim with just some water-wings and my guitar;
C Am Dm G7
(I could) leave the wings but I'll need the guitar for
C Am Dm G7
Romance, romance, romance, romance

- C Am Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
3. Twenty-six miles across the sea, Santa Catalina is a-waiting for me;
C Am Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
Santa Catalina, the island of romance, romance, romance, romance
C Am Dm G7 C Am Dm G7
Water all around it everywhere, tropical trees and the salty air,
C Am Dm G7 C F C C7
(But for) me the thing that's a-waitin' there's romance.

F G7 C Am
Bridge: A tropical heaven out in the ocean,
F G7 C C7
Covered with trees and girls
F G7 C Am
'If I have to swim, I'll do it forever
D7↓ G7↓
Till I'm gazin' on those island pearls.

C Am Dm G7
4. Forty k'lometers in a leaky old boat.

C Am Dm G7

Any old thing that'll stay afloat;

C Am Dm G7

When we arrive we'll all promote

C Am Dm G7

Romance, romance, romance, romance

C Am Dm G7 C↓

Romance, romance, romance, romance, romance