

Minute By Minute (Michael McDonald & Lester Abrams, 1978) (A)

[Minute By Minute](#) by The Doobie Brothers (1979) (C @ 144)

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12/8 Time

Intro (4 Measures)

Amaj7

Optional Interlude

Bm7 | Bm7 | Bm7 | Bm7 | Amaj7 | Amaj7 | Amaj7 | D9

Amaj7

____ Hey, don't worry, I've been lied to. ____ I've been here many times before.

D6

F#m7

D

Girl, don't you worry, I know where I stand, I don't need this love, I don't need your hand.

D#7 D6

I know I could turn, blink, and you'd be gone,

F#m7

D

Then I must be pre-pared any time to carry on,

Dmaj9

But.____ minute by minute by minute by minute.

Amaj7 G#m7 Bb7 F#m7

I keep holding on, I'll be holding on

Dmaj9

Oh, minute by minute by minute by minute

Amaj7 | Amaj7

- D9

I keep holding on ah babe, now.

Amaj7

____ You will stay just to watch me, darlin', ____ wilt away on lies from you.

D6

F#m7

D

Can't stop the habit of livin' on the run. I take it all for granted like you're the only one.

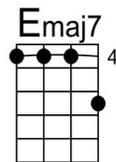
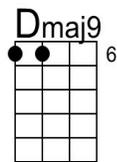
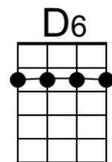
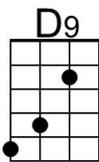
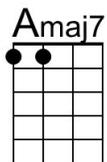
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Livin' on my own, somehow that sounds nice.

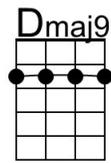
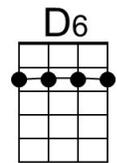
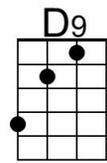
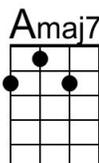
F#m7

D

You think I'm your fool, well, you may just be right.



Bari



Dmaj9

But... minute by minute by minute by minute,

Amaj7 G#m7 Bb7 F#m7

I keep holding on, now, I'll be holding on

Dmaj9

Oh...minute by minute by minute by minute,

Amaj7 | Amaj7 | G#m7 Bb7 F#m7

I keep holding on I keep holding on.

Optional Interlude (4 Measures)

**Bm7 A D D#dim7 A Fdim7 |
F#m E F#m A#dim7 Bm A |
D D#dim7 A Fdim7 F#m E |
F#m A#dim7**

Bridge

C#m7

Amaj9

N.C. ___ Call my name and I'll be gone ___ You'll reach out and I won't be there

F#7sus4 F#m7 F#7sus4 F#m7

___ Just my luck you'll real - ize

Amaj7 A9 Amaj7

___ You should spend your life with someone.

A9 Amaj7

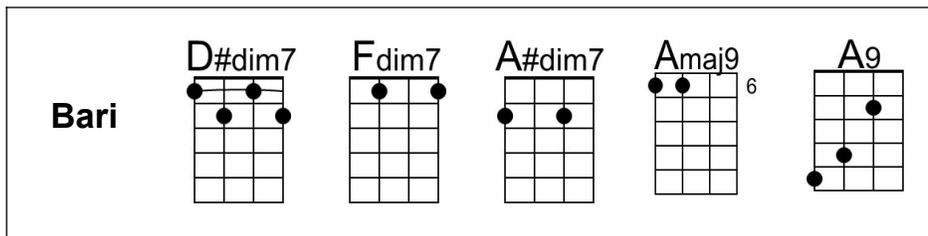
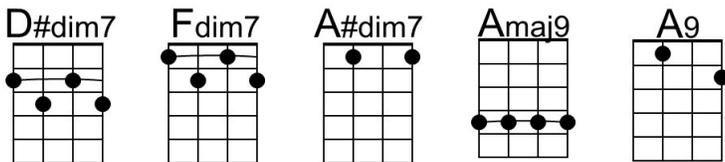
___ You could spend your life with someone.

Outro(Repeat and Fade)

Amaj9

Emaj7 | ___ ___ D#m7 D7 | C#m7

Minute by minute by minute by minute, I'll be holding on.



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Intro (4 Measures)

Cmaj7

Optional Interlude

Dm7 | Dm7 | Dm7 | Dm7 | Cmaj7 | Cmaj7 | Cmaj7 | F9

Cmaj7

____ Hey, don't worry, I've been lied to. ____ I've been here many times before.

F6

Am7

F

Girl, don't you worry, I know where I stand, I don't need this love, I don't need your hand.

Gb7 F6

I know I could turn, blink, and you'd be gone,

Am7

F

Then I must be pre-pared any time to carry on,

Fmaj9

But. ____ minute by minute by minute by minute.

Cmaj7 Bm7 Bb7 Am7

I keep holding on, I'll be holding on

Fmaj9

Oh, minute by minute by minute by minute

Cmaj7 | Cmaj7

- F9

I keep holding on ah babe, now.

Cmaj7

____ You will stay just to watch me, darlin', ____ wilt away on lies from you.

F6

Am7

F

Can't stop the habit of livin' on the run. I take it all for granted like you're the only one.

F6

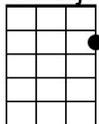
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Am7

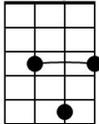
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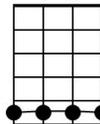
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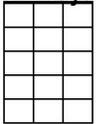
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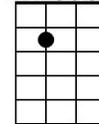
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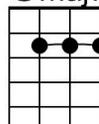
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A7sus4

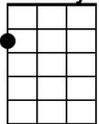


Gmaj7

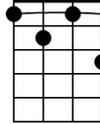


Bari

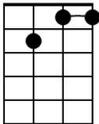
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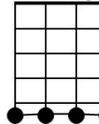
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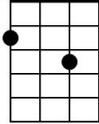
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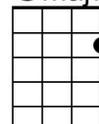
FM9



A7sus4



Gmaj7



Fmaj9

But... minute by minute by minute by minute,
Cmaj7 Bm7 Bb7 Am7

I keep holding on, now, I'll be holding on

Fmaj9

Oh...minute by minute by minute by minute,
Cmaj7 | Cmaj7 | Bm7 Bb7 Am7

I keep holding on I keep holding on.

Optional Interlude (4 Measures)

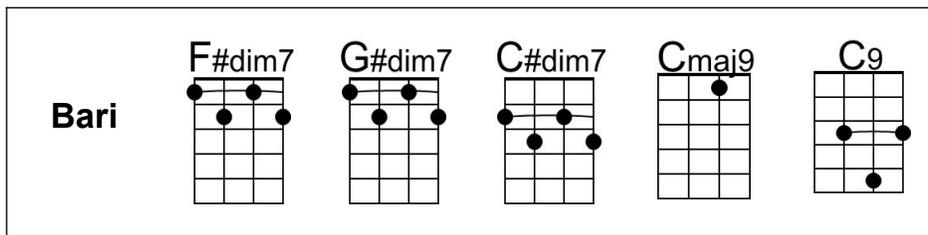
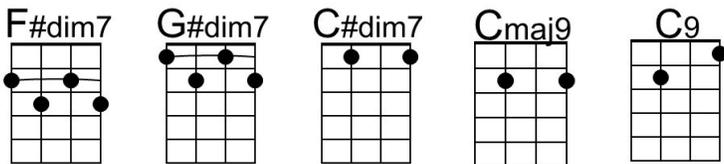
Dm7 C F F#dim7 C G#dim7 |
Am G Am C#dim7 Dm C |
F F#dim7 C G#dim7 Am G |
Am C#dim7

Bridge

Em7 Cmaj9
N.C. ___ Call my name and I'll be gone _____ You'll reach out and I won't be there
A7sus4 Am7 A7sus4 Am7
 _____ Just my luck you'll real - ize
Cmaj7 C9 Cmaj7
 _____ You should spend your life with someone.
C9 Cmaj7
 ___ You could spend your life with someone.

Outro(Repeat and Fade)

Cmaj9 Gmaj7 | ___ ___ F#m7 F7 | Em7
 Minute by minute by minute by minute, I'll be holding on.



As originally written, most of "Minute by Minute" is in the key of C major, but the bridge is in E minor and the last refrains are in G major.

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12/8 Time

Intro (4 Measures)

Dmaj7

Optional Interlude

Em7 | Em7 | Em7 | Em7 | Dmaj7 | Dmaj7 | Dmaj7 | G9

Dmaj7

____ Hey, don't worry, I've been lied to. ____ I've been here many times before.

G6

Bm7

G

Girl, don't you worry, I know where I stand, I don't need this love, I don't need your hand.

G#7 G6

I know I could turn, blink, and you'd be gone,

Bm7

G

Then I must be pre-pared any time to carry on,

Gmaj9

But. ____ minute by minute by minute by minute.

Dmaj7 C#m7 Bb7 Bm7

I keep holding on, I'll be holding on

Gmaj9

Oh, minute by minute by minute by minute

Dmaj7 | Dmaj7

- G9

I keep holding on ah babe, now.

Dmaj7

____ You will stay just to watch me, darlin', ____ wilt away on lies from you.

G6

Bm7

G

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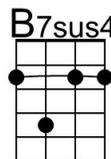
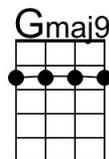
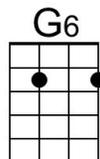
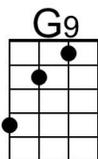
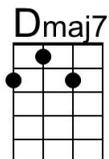
G6

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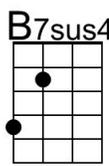
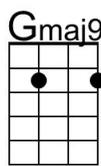
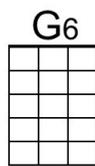
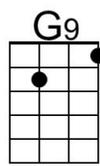
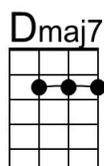
Bm7

G

You think I'm your fool, well, you may just be right.



Bari



Gmaj9

But... minute by minute by minute by minute,

Dmaj7 C#m7 Bb7 Bm7

I keep holding on, now, I'll be holding on

Gmaj9

Oh...minute by minute by minute by minute,

Dmaj7 | Dmaj7 | C#m7 Bb7 Bm7

I keep holding on I keep holding on.

Optional Interlude (4 Measures)

Em7 D G G#dim7 D A#dim7 |

Bm A Bm D#dim7 Em D |

G G#dim7 D A#dim7 Bm A |

Bm D#dim7

Bridge

F#m7

Dmaj9

N.C. ___ Call my name and I'll be gone _____ You'll reach out and I won't be there

B7sus4 Bm7 B7sus4 Bm7

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Dmaj7 D9 Dmaj7

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D9 Dmaj7

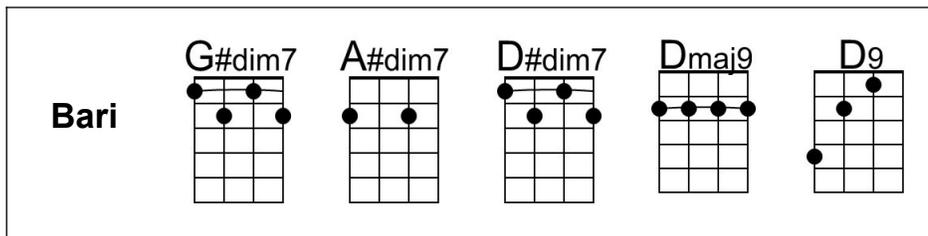
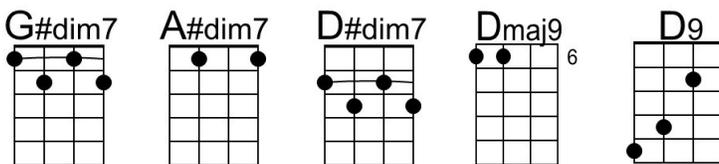
__ You could spend your life with someone.

Outro(Repeat and Fade)

Dmaj9

Amaj7 | ___ ___ G#m7 G7 | F#m7

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12/8 Time

Intro (4 Measures)

Emaj7

Optional Interlude

F#m7 | F#m7 | F#m7 | F#m7 | Emaj7 | Emaj7 | Emaj7 | A9

Emaj7

____ Hey, don't worry, I've been lied to. ____ I've been here many times before.

A6

C#m7

A

Girl, don't you worry, I know where I stand, I don't need this love, I don't need your hand.

A#7 A6

I know I could turn, blink, and you'd be gone,

C#m7

A

Then I must be pre-pared any time to carry on,

Amaj9

But.____ minute by minute by minute by minute.

Emaj7 D#m7 Bb7 C#m7

I keep holding on, I'll be holding on

Amaj9

Oh, minute by minute by minute by minute

Emaj7 | Emaj7

- A9

I keep holding on ah babe, now.

Emaj7

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A6

C#m7

A

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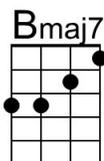
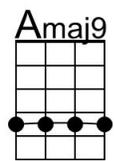
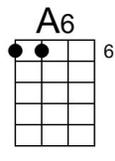
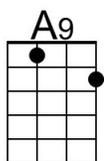
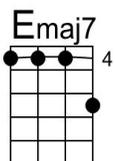
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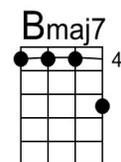
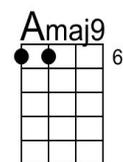
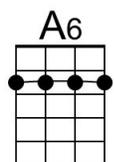
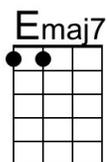
C#m7

A

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Bari



Amaj9

But... minute by minute by minute by minute,
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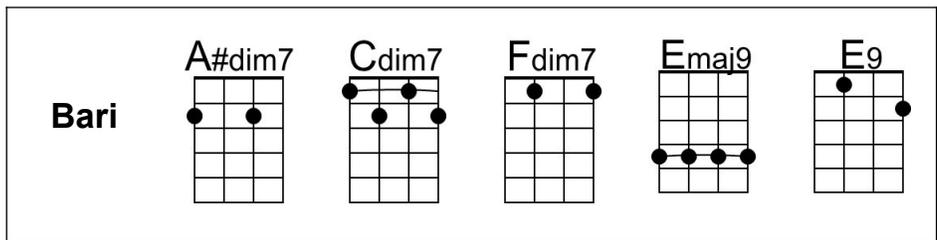
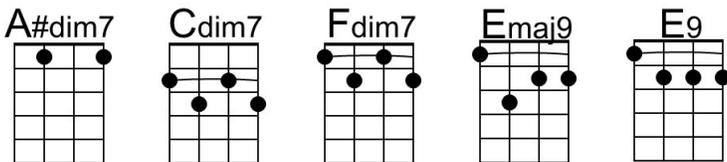
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C#m B C#m Fdim7 F#m E |
A A#dim7 E Cdim7 C#m B |
C#m Fdim7

Bridge

G#m7 Emaj9
N.C. ___ Call my name and I'll be gone ___ You'll reach out and I won't be there
C#7sus4 C#m7 C#7sus4 C#m7
 ___ Just my luck you'll real - ize
Emaj7 E9 Emaj7
 ___ You should spend your life with someone.
E9 Emaj7
 ___ You could spend your life with someone.

Outro(Repeat and Fade)

Emaj9 Bmaj7 | ___ ___ A#m7 A7 | G#m7
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Am7 | Am7 | Am7 | Am7 | Gmaj7 | Gmaj7 | Gmaj7 | C9

Gmaj7

____ Hey, don't worry, I've been lied to. ___ I've been here many times before.

C6

Em7

C

Girl, don't you worry, I know where I stand, I don't need this love, I don't need your hand.

C#7 C6

I know I could turn, blink, and you'd be gone,

Em7

C

Then I must be pre-pared any time to carry on,

Cmaj9

But. ___ minute by minute by minute by minute.

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Gmaj7

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C6

Em7

C

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C6

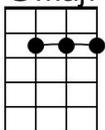
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Em7

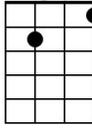
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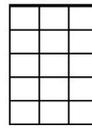
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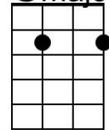
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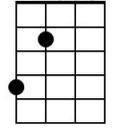
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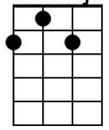
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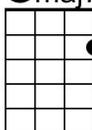


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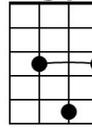


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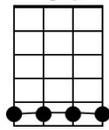
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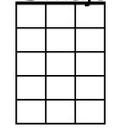
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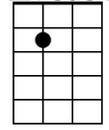
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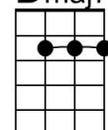
Cmaj9



E7sus4



Dmaj7



Cmaj9

But... minute by minute by minute by minute,
Gmaj7 F#m7 Bb7 Em7

I keep holding on, now, I'll be holding on

Cmaj9

Oh...minute by minute by minute by minute,
Gmaj7 | Gmaj7 | F#m7 Bb7 Em7

I keep holding on I keep holding on.

Optional Interlude (4 Measures)

Am7 G C C#dim7 G D#dim7 |
Em D Em G#dim7 Am G |
C C#dim7 G D#dim7 Em D |
Em G#dim7

Bridge

Bm7 Gmaj9
N.C. ___ Call my name and I'll be gone _____ You'll reach out and I won't be there
E7sus4 Em7 E7sus4 Em7
 _____ Just my luck you'll real - ize
Gmaj7 G9 Gmaj7
 _____ You should spend your life with someone.
G9 Gmaj7
 ___ You could spend your life with someone.

Outro(Repeat and Fade)

Gmaj9 Dmaj7 | ___ ___ C#m7 C7 | Bm7
 Minute by minute by minute by minute, I'll be holding on.

