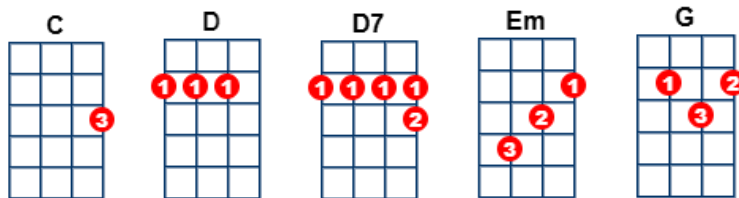


The Rose – (Key of C) Bette Midler



(Single strum on beat)

[C] Some say love [Am] it is a [G] river, [G7]

That [F] drowns the tender [C] reed.

[C] Some say love [Am] it is a [G] razor, [G7]

That [F] leads your soul to [C] bleed.

[C] Some say [Am] love it is a [C] hunger, [G7]

An [F] endless aching [G] need.

I say [C] love [Am] it is a [G] flower, [G7]

And [F] you its only [C] seed.

(Single strum & finger-picking)

It's the [C] heart [Am] afraid of [G] breaking, [G7]

That [F] never learns to [C] dance.

[C] It's the dream [Am] afraid of [G] waking, [G7]

That [F] never takes a [C] chance.

[C] It's the one [Am] who won't be [C] taking, [G7]

Who [F] cannot seem to [G] give,

And the [C] soul [Am] afraid of [G] dying, [G7]

That [F] never learns to [C] live.

(Normal strum)

[C] When the night [Am] has been too [G] lonely, [G7]

And the [F] road has been too [C] long,

[C] And you find [Am] that love is [G] only, [G7]

For the [F] lucky and the [C] strong.

[C] Just remem-[Am]ber in the [C] winter, [G7]

For be-[F]neath the bitter [G] snow.

(STOP) (single strum on beat)

Lies the [C] seed [Am] and with the [G] sun's love, [G7]

In the [F] spring becomes the [C] rose. [C] /