

# HELLO IN THERE

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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                      C↓ (2,3,4)**

**Waiting for someone to say.... "Hello in there, hello."**

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

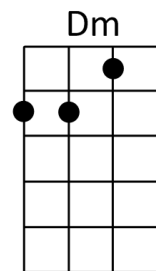
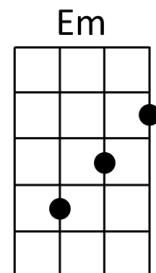
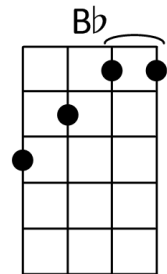
Em /// Em /// F /// F /// C /// C /// G /// G ///

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.

**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                      C↓ (2,3,4)**  
**Waiting for someone to say.... "Hello in there, hello."**

C                      Dm                      G7                      G7  
 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."