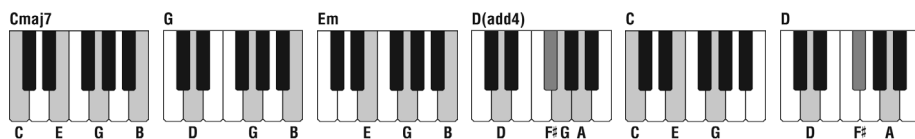


# Fast Car

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## Intro

**|: Cmaj7 G | Em Dadd4 :| Play 4 times**

## Verse 1

**Cmaj7 G**  
You got a fast \_\_\_ car,  
**Em Dadd4**  
I want a ticket \_\_\_ to anywhere.  
**Cmaj7 G**  
Maybe we make a deal,  
**Em Dadd4**  
Maybe together we can get somewhere.  
**Cmaj7 G**  
Anyplace is better.  
**Em Dadd4**  
Starting from zero, got nothing to lose.  
**Cmaj7 G**  
Maybe we'll make something;  
**Em Dadd4**  
Me, myself, I got nothing to prove.

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### *Interlude 1*

**||: Cmaj7   G   | Em   Dadd4   :||**

### *Verse 2*

**Cmaj7   G**

You got a fast \_\_\_\_ car,

**Em   Dadd4**

I got a plan \_\_\_\_ to get us out of here.

**Cmaj7   G**

I been working at the con-venience store,

**Em   Dadd4**

Managed to save just a little bit of money.

**Cmaj7   G**

Won't have to drive too far,

**Em   Dadd4**

Just 'cross the border and into the city.

**Cmaj7   G**

You and I can both get jobs

**Em   Dadd4**

And finally see what it means to be living.

### *Interlude 2*

*Repeat Interlude 1*

### *Verse 3*

**Cmaj7   G**

You see, my old man's got a problem.

**Em   Dadd4**

He live with the bottle, that's the way it is.

**Cmaj7   G**

He says his body's too old for working;

**Em   Dadd4**

His body's too young \_\_\_\_ to look like his.

**Cmaj7   G**

My mama went off and left him;

**Em   Dadd4**

She wanted more from life than he could give.

**Cmaj7   G**

I said somebody's got to take care of him.

**Em   Dadd4**

So I quit school and that's what I did.

### *Interlude 3*

*Repeat Interlude 1*

### *Verse 4*

**Cmaj7**      **G**  
You got a fast \_\_\_ car,  
                 **Em**                      **Dadd4**  
But is it fast enough so we can fly away?  
**Cmaj7**                      **G**  
We gotta make a decision:  
**Em**                      **Dadd4**  
Leave tonight or live and die this way.  
| **Cmaj7**   **G**   | **Em**   **Dadd4** | **Cmaj7**   **G**   |  
**Em**      **Dadd4**  
'Cause I remember when we were...

### *Chorus 1*

**C**  
Driving, driving in your car,  
                 **G**  
The speed so fast I felt like I was drunk.  
**Em**  
City lights lay out before us  
                 **D**  
And your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder.  
                 **C** **Em**   **D**  
And I, I had a feeling that I belonged.  
**C** **Em**   **D**  
I, I had a feeling I could be someone,  
**C**                      **D**  
Be someone, be someone.

### *Interlude 4*

*Repeat Interlude 1*

**Verse 5**

**Cmaj7      G**

You got a fast \_\_\_ car.

**Em                  Dadd4**

We go cruising to entertain ourselves.

**Cmaj7      G**

You still ain't got a job

**Em                  Dadd4**

And I work in a market as a checkout girl.

**Cmaj7      G**

I know things will get better;

**Em                  Dadd4**

You'll find work and I'll get promoted.

**Cmaj7      G**

We'll move out of the shelter,

**Em                  Dadd4**

Buy a big house and live in the suburbs.

| **Cmaj7   G   | Em   Dadd4   | Cmaj7   G   |**

**Em      Dadd4**

'Cause I remember when we were...

**Chorus 2**

*Repeat Chorus 1*

**Interlude 5**

*Repeat Interlude 1*

**Verse 6**

**Cmaj7 G**  
You got a fast \_\_\_ car.  
**Em Dadd4**  
I got a job that pays all our bills.  
**Cmaj7 G**  
You stay out drinking late at the bar;  
**Em Dadd4**  
See more of your friends than you do of your kids.  
**Cmaj7 G**  
I'd always hoped for better;  
**Em Dadd4**  
Thought maybe together you and me'd find it.  
**Cmaj7 G**  
I got no plans, I ain't going nowhere,  
**Em Dadd4**  
So take your fast car and keep on driving.  
**Cmaj7 G | Em Dadd4 | Cmaj7 G |**  
**Em Dadd4**  
'Cause I remember when we were...

**Chorus 3**

*Repeat Chorus 1*

**Interlude 6**

*Repeat Interlude 1*

**Verse 7**

**Cmaj7 G**  
You got a fast \_\_\_ car.  
**Em Dadd4**  
Is it fast enough so you can fly away?  
**Cmaj7 G**  
You gotta make a decision:  
**Em Dadd4**  
Leave tonight or live and die this way.

**Outro**

**||: Cmaj7 G | Em Dadd4 :|| Play 3 times**  
**| Cmaj7 G ||**