Video Killed the Radio Star [The Buggles](http://www.chordie.com/song.php/songartist/Buggles/index.html)

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From: Gary Chapman

The Buggles - Video Killed The Radio Star - transcribed by Gary Chapman

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Intro: (synth arranged for guitar)

G6 D5 Em7 D A

E ------------------------------------5- ----------------------------------5-

B ---------12---------10---------8----7- -------12---------10---------8----5-

G -------9----------7----------7------7- -----9----------7----------7------6-

D -----9----------7----------9--------7- ---9----------7----------9--------7-

A --10----------9----------7----------5- -10---------9----------7----------7-

E -------------------------------------- ----------------------------------5-

Verse 1: (piano arranged for guitar)

Below is roughly what the piano is playing. It's a lot easier to play

on a piano than a guitar. Stick with the basic chords. The timing has

been stretched to fit the lyrics.

D G6 Em7 Asus4 A A5

E --14--12--10--------------10-----------10---------------9--10--12--

B --10--10--10--------12----12-----------10--10-10-10-10-10--10--10--

G --11--11--11--------12----12------------9---9--9--9--9--9---9---9--

D --12--12--12--------14-14-14-14------------------------------------

A -------------------------------------------------------------------

E -------------------------------------------------------------------

I heard you on the wireless back in fifty two

Lying a-wake in bed then tuning in on you

If I was young it didn't stop you coming through

Oh - ah - oh.

Verse 2:

D G6 Asus4/A A/Asus4/A

They took the credit for your second symphony

Rewritten by machine and new technology

And now I understand the problems you can see

(Oh-a-oh) I met your children

(Oh-a-oh) What did you tell them ?

Chorus:

D A

Video killed the radio star

Video killed the radio star

D A G

Pictures came and broke your heart

A Bm

(Oh-a-oh-oh-oh)

Verse 3:

And now we meet in an abandoned studio

We hear the playback and it seems so long ago

And you remember the jingles used to go

(Oh-a-oh) You were the first one

(Oh-a-oh) You were the last one

(chorus)

D A G

In my mind and in my car, we

can't re-wind we've gone to far

A Bm

(Oh-a-oh-oh-oh)

(Oh-a-oh-oh-oh)

Solo: (synth arranged for guitar)

E --------------------------------------------------------------------

B ------12---10-----------------------------12---10------------10-----

G ----9----------12--11-------------------9----------12--11-12--------

D --9--------------------12---9---------9-------------------------12--

A --------------------------------------------------------------------

E --------------------------------------------------------------------

E ------------------------------ -------------------------------------

B ------12---10----------------- ---------12-----------10----------8--

G ----9----------12--11--9------ -------9------------7-----------7----

D --9-----------------------12-- -----9------------7-----------9------

A ------------------------------ --10------------9-----------7--------

E ------------------------------ -------------------------------------

(2 guitars)

E --------------------------------------------

B --17---17(b)19---15-15-15-17(b)19---15--17--

G --14---14(b)16---12-12-12-14(b)16---12--14--

D --------------------------------------------

A --------------------------------------------

E --------------------------------------------

(chorus)

D A G

In my mind and in my car, we

can't re-wind we've gone to far

Pictures came and broke your heart

Put the blame on VTR

You are the radio star

(chorus to fade)

From: carl@netaxs.com (Carl Christensen)

Subject: TAB: Video Killed the Radio Star by The Buggles

I just transcribed this during a blizzard here in Philadelphia so did not

realize that there was already a version of this at OLGA. Mine is quite

different in that it is arranged more for a classical or fingerstyle guitar

(my preference). It works best on classical guitar, but it's not too hard

so I'm sure you can adapt it to steel-string OK. There's a few stretches (5

frets), that's about it. It may be fun for a duet, one on electric guitar

playing the other transcription, and one on acoustic playing my transcription.

Of course, if you want to be authentic, play it on a guitar synth

with a nice cheezy brass & string patch! If you play

along with a recording of the song, you'll have to tune down your

strings a half-step (or capo on the 11th fret if your guitar can

handle it!)

'The Buggles' were Geoff Downes and Trevor Horn, and eventually went on

to form Yes (:-). Later on Geoff ended up starting Asia (another great

80's new wave band ;-) and Trevor Horn became a hot-shot London producer

(Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Seal, et al).

PS: This was the first video ever shown on MTV circa 1980, and it's scary

how true this song turned out!

Feedback is appreciated. My Steve Howe transcriptions aren't exactly

exciting people as I thought, maybe I should start doing some Trevor Rabin

transcriptions next! ;-)

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by The Buggles

transcribed for classical guitar by carl@netaxs.com

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7--------------|--0--||---||---------------2--------|---------------------------

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1/2 II

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-----h------------------|--7-----------------------|----------------------------

----2-4--2--6-----4--2--|--------------------------|----------------------------

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2/3 II II

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------4-----4-----2--2--------|---0--------------|---2--------------|-----------

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2/3 II II II

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-2--------2-----|---4--------4-----\*||--0---------2-----------|-----------------

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(x=strum while muting strings)

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alternate ending

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|  | G6 | D5 | Em7 | D | A |

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D -----9----------7----------9--------7- ---9----------7----------9--------7-

A --10----------9----------7----------5- -10---------9----------7----------7-

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| Verse 1: (piano arranged for guitar) |

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| on a piano than a guitar. Stick with the basic chords. The timing has |

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| been stretched to fit the lyrics. |

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|  | D | G6 | Em7 | Asus4 | A | A5 |

E --14--12--10--------------10-----------10---------------9--10--12--

B --10--10--10--------12----12-----------10--10-10-10-10-10--10--10--

G --11--11--11--------12----12------------9---9--9--9--9--9---9---9--

D --12--12--12--------14-14-14-14------------------------------------

A -------------------------------------------------------------------

E -------------------------------------------------------------------

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| I heard you on the wireless back in fifty two |

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| Lying a-wake in bed then tuning in on you |

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| --- |
| If I was young it didn't stop you coming through |

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| --- |
| Oh - ah - oh. |

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| Verse 2: |

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|  | D | G6 | Asus4/A | A/Asus4/A |
|  | They took the | credit for your | second sympho | ny |

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| Rewritten by machine and new technology |

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| And now I understand the problems you can see |

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| --- |
| (Oh-a-oh) I met your children |

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| (Oh-a-oh) What did you tell them ? |

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| Chorus: |

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | D | A |
|  | Video killed the | radio star |

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| --- |
| Video killed the radio star |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | D | A | G |
|  | Pictures | came and | broke your heart |

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|  | A | Bm |
|  | (Oh-a-oh-oh- | oh) |

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| Verse 3: |

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| And now we meet in an abandoned studio |

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| We hear the playback and it seems so long ago | |
| And you remember the jingles used to go |

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| (Oh-a-oh) You were the first one |

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| (chorus) |

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|  | D | A | G |
|  | In my | mind and | in my car, we |

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| can't re-wind we've gone to far |

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|  | A | Bm |
|  | (Oh-a-oh-oh- | oh) |

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| (Oh-a-oh-oh-oh) |

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| Solo: (synth arranged for guitar) |

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B ------12---10-----------------------------12---10------------10-----

G ----9----------12--11-------------------9----------12--11-12--------

D --9--------------------12---9---------9-------------------------12--

A --------------------------------------------------------------------

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E ------------------------------ -------------------------------------

B ------12---10----------------- ---------12-----------10----------8--

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D --9-----------------------12-- -----9------------7-----------9------

A ------------------------------ --10------------9-----------7--------

E ------------------------------ -------------------------------------

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| (2 guitars) |

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E --------------------------------------------

B --17---17(b)19---15-15-15-17(b)19---15--17--

G --14---14(b)16---12-12-12-14(b)16---12--14--

D --------------------------------------------

A --------------------------------------------

E --------------------------------------------

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| (chorus) |

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| Pictures came and broke your heart |

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| Put the blame on VTR |

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| You are the radio star |

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| --- |
| (chorus to fade) |