

**My Life Is Right**  
**Big Star**

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Subject: CRD: "My Life Is Right" (Big Star)

And here we have another great unknown pop gem from the band whose entire career was based on obscurity. Notes:

- 1) The Eb in the verses isn t really a chord, it s just a walkup note. All you have to do is play the 1st fret on the D string. That s it. I d put it in TAB, but it d be lonely, since it s the only bit in that area that requires it. So just remember: Eb=1st fret, D string. Got it? Good.
- 2) There is some very cool acoustic 12-string guitar stuff going on underneath the "You give me light" part, but I can t get it exactly. Here is a rough approximation:

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        B-----|---2---|-----|-----|
        G-2-2-2-2-2-2-|-2-2---|-4p2p0-----2-|-(2)-|
        D-2-2-2-2-2-2-4-|-----|-----4p2p0---2-|-(2)-|
        A-0-0-0-3h4-----|-----|-----3p0-|-(0)-|
        E-----|-----|-----|-----|
        q E E E E E E   E q.^H   e3e3e e3e3e q q   (w)[/tab]
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This isn t exact, and that s last bit sounds like "Unskinny Bop" by Poison (yeah, I know, it s really "I Know A Little" by Skynyrd), so I don t like it. But this is as good as I can do with this bit.

- 3) "My life s fun is wild?" Bell didn t really say that, did he? Well, it s the best \*I\* can do with it. Any better suggestions are welcome.
- 4) There is a piano in here, mostly doing the chords.
- 5) The vocal harmonies are a large part of this (and almost every Big Star) song. The most amazing bit comes during the "So right" part. The backing vox (singing "right") go from G to F# over the G-D change, and then they go back up from F# to G over the D-A change, making the A chord an amazing dominant 7th. This is, of course, a very basic expansion of what is going on here. I m sure it s a lot more complicated, but this ll get you started.

"My Life Is Right" (Chris Bell/??? Eubanks)  
Performed by Big Star

From the album #1\_Record\_ (available on CD with the also-godlike  
Radio\_City\_)

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(piano only)

[tab]D           **Em**           **G**           **D Eb**

Once I walked a lonely road[/tab]

(guitar enters)

[tab]**Em**           **C**                           **G**

I had no one to share my load[/tab]

[tab]D           **Em**                           **G D Eb**

Then you came and showed the way[/tab]

[tab]**Em**   **C**                           **G**

Now I hope you re here to stay[/tab]

[tab]                   **A**

You give me light[/tab]

[tab]                   **A**

You are my day[/tab]

[tab]                   **G**

You give me light[/tab]

[tab]                   **D A**

And that s right[/tab]

[tab]                   **A**

You give me light[/tab]

[tab]                   **A**

You are my day[/tab]

[tab]                   **G**

You give me light[/tab]

[tab]                   **D A**

And that s right[/tab]

[tab] **G D**

So right[/tab]

[tab] **D A**

So right[/tab]

[tab] **G D**

So right[/tab]

[tab]D           **Em**           **G**           **D Eb**

Lonely days of uncertainty[/tab]

[tab]**Em**           **C**                           **G**

They disappear when you re near me[/tab]

[tab]D           **Em**           **G**           **D Eb**

When you re around, my life s worthwhile[/tab]

[tab]**Em**           **C**                           **G**

And now I long to see you smile[/tab]

[tab]                   **A**

You give me light[/tab]

[tab]                   **A**

You are my day[/tab]

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You give me light[/tab]

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[tab] **D A G D**

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^ --"It s easy to be nuts. Try being me."

V (\_The\_Fisher\_King\_)