Naughty Number Nine
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From School House Rock
G7   **C7**   **G7**
Number nine will put you on the spot
C7   **Eb9**   **G7**
Number nine will tie you up, oh, in a knot
D7
When you re trying
            C7
Multiplying by nine
G7
You might give it everything you ve got
            C7
And still be stopped
G7   **Cm7**   EbM7#11   **Em7**
If you don t know some secret way you can check on
F9   **F#9**   **G7**   **AbMaj7 G7**
You ll break your neck on Naughty number nine
G7
Now the first thing to keep in mind
C9
When you re multiplying by nine
G7
Is that it s one less than ten
G7
You see, nine is the same as ten minus one
C9
So you could multiply your number by ten
C7
And then subtract the number from the result
G7
And you d get the same product

As if you d multiplied by nine

And you knew it
         D7
I mean, eight times nine is 80 minus eight
    C9
And seven times nine is 70 minus seven
G7
And six times nine is 60 minus six
C7
You could use those tricks
G7   **Cm7**   EbMaj7#11   **Em7**
Because you must have some secret way you can beat it
F9   **F#9**
Or else you ll meet it

G7   AbMaj7 G7   F9
With naughty number nine
G7   AbMaj7
Of course, it doesn t hurt
G7
To know the table of nines by memory
D7
It goes like this:
G7   C7   G7
One times nine is nine, and two times nine is 18
 G7
(Mean ol number nine)
 C7   Eb9   G7
Three times nine is 27, and four times nine is 36
D7   C7
Five times nine is 45, and six times nine is 54
G7   C7
And seven times nine is 63
G7   Eb9   G7
Eight times nine is 72, and nine times nine is 81
F9   F#9   G7
And ten times nine is 90
G7   AbM7
Now the digit sum is always equal to nine
G7
I mean, if you add two and seven, the digits
F9
You get nine, the digit sum
        AbM7
That s true of any product of nine
A9   D7
If they don t add up, you ve made a mistake
G7   Cm7   EbM7#11   Em7
Because you must have some secret way you can check it
F9   F#9
Or else you ll wreck it
G7   AbM7   A9   Ab7   G9
With naughty, nasty, mean old number nine