

**The Rockaways**  
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Hi everyone, this is a fairly easy song to learn, and it sounds absolutely beautiful. Happy jamming :)

Obscure Chords:

**F5/G\*** | **C/F#** | **G5/A\*** | **Em/F#**

e | -1- -0- -3- -0- |  
B | -0- -2- -0- -0- |  
G | -0- -0- -0- -0- |  
D | -3- -2- -5- -2- |  
A | -3- -3- -5- -2- |  
E | -3- -2- -5- -2- |

\*Riff:

e | ----- |  
B | ----- |  
G | -0----- |  
D | ---3-2h3- |  
A | ----- |  
E | ----- |

[Intro]

e | -----0- |  
B | -1-1---0-0----1-0-----1-----3-0--0h1--2- |  
G | -----2-0---0-----0- |  
D | -----2-----2-----2-----2- |  
A | -3-----3-----3---3-3-3-----3---3---3- |  
E | -----3- |

[Verse 1]

**C**  
Scared of everything  
  
Everything s on blast  
**Am**  
Never travel light  
  
I carry the past  
**Am/E**  
In an armored car  
  
That s my skeleton  
**C/G**  
Worship one idea  
  
Like a superfan  
**C**  
In a gallery

With a slanted view

**Am**

There s a book signing

Dystopian haikus

**Am/E**

As they re read out loud

Under Edison lights

**C/G**

Makes me scratch my head

**C**

And think of simpler times

e	-----
B	-----
G	-----
D	-----
A	0-2-3-----
E	0-2-3-----

[Chorus 1]

**F5/G\*            G5/A\*            C/F#**

Borrowed a car for the day

**F5/G\*            G5/A\*            Am    G C/G**

We drove it out to The Rock a ways

**Am/E**

And you went swimming

**Am/E**

I watched you swimming

(\*Riff) C

[Verse 2]

**C**

I m made of money now

There s nothing I want

**Am**

Except expensive wine

To watch the rocket launch

**Am/E**

We ll climb up on the roof

And sit in plastic chairs

**C/G**

Watch it accelerate

Until it disappears

**C**

Just like your goodbye voice

Trailing off down the hall

**Am**

I love you, baby

I ll be back in one hour

**Am/E**

You ll try and smile then

Sometimes it doesn t stick

**C/G**

I ll help you tune it out

**C**

I ll help you reminisce

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e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-0-2-3-----|
E|-0-2-3-----|

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[Chorus 2]

**F5/G\* G5/A\* C/F#**

Borrowed a car for the day

**F5/G\* G5/A\* Am G C/G**

Filled it up with some friends I d made

**Am/E**

And they went dancing

**Am/E**

I watched them dancing

(\*Riff) C

[Bridge]

**Em/F#**

Don t feel badly

**F5/G\***

I m barely angry

**G5/A\* C/G**

It s not too much to contain

**Em/F#**

Always knew that

**F5/G\***

It d probably happen

**G5/A\* C/G C**

We d put these memories to shame

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e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-0-2-3-----|
E|-0-2-3-----|

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[Chorus 3]

**F5/G\***      **G5/A\***      **C/F#**

Borrowed a car for the day

**F5/G\***      **G5/A\***      **Am G C/G**

Gassed it up for our get a way

**Am/E**

Said you d be waiting

**Am/E**

I left you waiting

(\*Riff) C