

American Girls
Counting Crows

Standard Tuning

Intro riff:

	F	Bb	F	Bb	
E-	-----		-----		-
B-	-----		-----		-
G-	--2p0h2-p0-2-2p0-2p0h2p0--		--2p0h2-p0-2-2p0-2b3r2p0--		- Call these two bars
D-	-----		-----		- Riff 1
A-	-----		-----		-
E-	-----		-----		-

	F	Bb	C	Bb
E-	-----		-----	
B-	-----		-----	
G-	--2p0h2-p0-2-2p0-2p0h2----		-----	
D-	-----		-----	
A-	-----		-----	
E-	-----		-----	

Intro (with riff) - the bars provide a timing reference

F	Bb		F	Bb		F	Bb		C		Bb	
F	Bb		F	Bb		Bb						

Verse 1:

	F		Bb	
She comes out on Fridays every time				
	F			
Stands out in a line				
C		Bb	F	F Bb F Bb Bb
I could have been anyone she d seen				(Riff 1)
	F		Bb	
She waits another week to fall apart				
	F			
She couldn t make another day				
C		Bb	C	
I wish it was anyone but me				
	Bb		C	
I could have been anyone you see				
	Gm		Bb	
She had something breakable just under her skin				

Chorus 1:

Dm Bb F
 American girls all weather and noise
 C Dm
 Playing the changes for all of the boys
 Bb F
 Holding a candle up to my hand
 C
 Making me feel so incredible

Verse 2:

Bb F Bb
 She comes out of closets every night
 F
 But then she locks herself away
 C Bb C
 Where she could keep anything from me
 Bb C
 I could have been anyone you see
 Gm Bb
 She s nothing but porcelain underneath her skin

Chorus 2: (same chords as chorus 1)

American girls all weather and noise Playing the changes for all of
 the boys
 Holding a candle right up to my hand Making me feel so incredible

Interlude: (play intro riff with vocals)

F Bb
 Little shivers shaking me everyday
 F Bb
 But I could get the same thing anywhere
 F Bb
 So if she goes away
 Gm C
 Well, it s alright and I m okay
 F Bb
 Hey , she said, Come back again tonight.
 F Bb
 And I said I might, I might, I might.
 F Bb
 She said Well, that s alright.
 Gm Am Dm
 If it s alright, it s alright with you
 Gm C Bb
 then it s alright if it s alright with me

Verse 3:

 F Bb
 I waited for an hour last Friday night

F
 She never came around
 C Bb F F Bb
 She took almost everything from me
 F
 I m going through my closets
 Bb F
 Trying on her clothes, almost everyday
 C Bb
 I could ve been anyone you see
 C Bb C
 I wish it was anyone but me
 Gm Bb
 There s nothing but pills and ashes under my skin

Chorus 3:

American girls all weather and noise
 Playing the changes for all of the boys
 Holding a candle right up to my hand
 Making me feel so incredible

Outro:

And now with the chorus chords, play Riff 2:

Riff 2:

	Dm	Bb	F	C
E-	-----	-----	-----	-----
B-	-----	-----	-----	-----
G-	-----	-----	-----	-----
D-	-0--2--3-----2--3-	-0--2--3-----2--3-	-0--2--3-----2--3-	-0--2--3-----2--3-
A-	-----1-----	-----1-----	-----1-----	-----1-----
E-	-----	-----	-----	-----

If I made you cry, please tell me why
 Cause I ll try again if you let me try
 American girls, all feathers and cream
 Come into bed so edible