

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-	-----2--3-	----2--3---5--3--2-	-----
A-	-----1-----	-----	0-----	-----
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