

Bright Lights And Promises

Janis Ian

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Tuning:EADGBE

The trickiest part of this arrangement is the fact that Janis Ian changes key several times.

If you play along to the video linked here - I suggest you pause the playing and alter your capo

- then the chord pattern (for the verses at least) is pretty straightforward.

Start with capo on fret 1:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR7ambpHOog

The other tricky bit is the chorus chords - enjoy.

And there are also some short instrumental breaks around the Capo changes which I haven t dealt with.

VERSE CHORDS

CHORUS CHORDS

C Am7 Dm7 F Fm Ab7 G7 Fm Eaug Ab Bb7 Eb Bb C C7 Ab7

e|-0-0---1---1-1--2---1--|-4--4----4--4---3--1--3-3--2-----|
B|-1-1---1---1-1--1---0--|-6--5----4--3---4--3--5-5--1-----|
G|-0-0---2---2-1--1---0--|-5--5----5--3---3--3--5-3--1-----|
D|-2-2---0---3-3--1---0--|-6--6----6--3---5--3--5-5--1-----|
A|-3-0---x---3-3--x---2--|-x--x----x--x---x--1--3-3--x-----|
E|-x-x---x---1-1--x---3--|-x--x----x--x---x--1--3-3--x-----|

[Verse 1]

C Am7 Dm7
Bright lights and promises a pocket full of dreams
C Am7 Dm7
That s what they pay me to be
F Fm C
Gold lame and diamonds I am a hometown queen
Ab7 G7 C Ab7 G7
Honey, would you sing it just for me?

[Verse 2]

C Am7 Dm7
When I was good and when I was bad
C Am7 Dm7
I never thought I d end up this way
F Fm C
With no dreams to hide me no bright lights to guide me
Ab7 G7 C Ab7 G7
How long does it take to make the grade?

[Chorus]

**Fm** **Eaug** **Ab** **Bb7**  
Everywhere I hear a ringing in my ears  
**Eb** **Bb** **C** **C7**  
Drummer, let the music play  
**Fm** **Eaug** **Ab** **Bb7**  
Give me small town blues make it loud, make it do  
**Ab7** **C7** **F**  
Listen to the music sway. Change to CAPO 2 - D

[Verse 3]

**C** **Am7** **Dm7**  
Bar-rails and cocktails have you got a light?  
**C** **Am7** **Dm7**  
Ain't that what it pays to keep in sight?  
**F** **Fm** **C**  
Over used and much abused promises of delight  
**Ab7** **G7** **C**  
Honey, would you care to spend the night? Change to CAPO 3 - Eb

[Verse 4]

**C** **Am7** **Dm7**  
Take a little time some memories and wine  
**C** **Am7** **Dm7**  
Loosen up the sucker by the bar  
**F** **Fm** **C**  
And if he wants to hold you if he wants to know  
**Ab7** **G7** **C** **Ab7** **G7**  
Honey, that's what your here for.  
**F** **Fm** **C** **Am**  
Until all I see is them reaching out for me  
**Ab7** **G7** **C**  
Drummer, play that ol' time melody. Change to CAPO 6 - F#

[Verse 5]

**C** **Am** **Dm7**  
Bright lights and promises that's all it's for  
**C** **Am** **Dm7**  
Leave and enter by the service door  
**F** **Fm** **C**  
Now, I'm gold lame and diamonds even if my gold is worn  
**Ab7** **G7** **C**  
Honey, can you show me more?