

**Elephant**  
**Jason Isbell**

Song: Elephant  
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Album: Southeastern  
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Capo IV

Chords (relative to capo):

	<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>	<b>Cadd9</b>	<b>Dsus2</b>	<b>Dsus2/F#</b>	
e	---	0---	0---	0---	0---	0---	0---
B	---	3---	3---	3---	3---	3---	3---
G	---	0---	0---	0---	---	2---	2---
D	---	0---	0---	2---	2---	0---	0---
A	---	2---	2---	0---	---	3---	x---
E	---	0---	3---	x---	x---	x---	2---

(Please don't tell my college music professors if I got any of those chord names wrong.)

It sounds like he is doing some hammer-ons with the A string on the Em7 and the low E string on the G6. Listen to the record for the timing. Let me know if I got anything wrong.

[Intro]

**Em7 G6 A7sus4** x4

[Verse 1]

	<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>		
She said Andy you're better than your past,					
<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>			
winked at me and drained her glass,					
<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>	<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>
cross-legged on the barstool, like nobody sits anymore.					

	<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>		
She said Andy you're taking me home,					
<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>			
but I knew she planned to sleep alone.					
<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>	<b>Em7</b>	<b>G6</b>	<b>A7sus4</b>
I'd carry her to bed and sweep up the hair from the floor					

[Chorus]

**Cadd9** **Dsus2**  
If I had fucked her before she got sick  
**G6** **Dsus2/F#** **Em7**  
I d never hear the end of it  
**Cadd9** **Dsus2** **Em7**  
she don t have the spirit for that now  
**Cadd9** **Dsus2**  
We drink these drinks and laugh out loud,  
**G6** **Dsus2/F#** **Em7**  
bitch about the weekend crowd,  
**Cadd9** **Dsus2** **Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
and try to ignore the elephant somehow  
**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
somehow  
  
**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4** x2

[Verse]

**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
She said Andy you crack me up,  
**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
Seagram s in a coffee cup,  
**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4** **Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
sharecropper eyes and her hair almost all gone.  
  
**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
When she was drunk she made cancer jokes,  
**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
she made up her own doctor s notes,  
**Em7** **G6** **A7sus4** **Em7** **G6** **A7sus4**  
surrounded by her family, I saw that she was dying alone.

[Chorus]

I d sing her classic country songs  
and she d get high and sing along.  
She don t have much voice to sing with now

We d burn these joints in effigy,  
cry about what we used to be,  
and try to ignore the elephant somehow.  
Somehow

[Chorus]

I buried her a thousand times,  
giving up my place in line,

but I don't give a damn about that now

There's one thing that's real clear to me,  
no one dies with dignity.

We just try to ignore the elephant somehow.

We just try to ignore the elephant somehow.

We just try to ignore the elephant somehow.

Somehow.

Somehow.