

Kathleen
Josh Ritter

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Album: Hello Starling
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Capo 3rd fret

all chords in relation to capo

Chords

Gmaj [3 2 0 0 3 3]
Cadd9 [x 3 2 0 3 3]
Em7 [0 2 2 0 3 3]
Am [x 0 2 2 1 0]
C [x 3 2 0 1 0]

Intro

Gmaj Cadd9 Gmaj Cadd9

Gmaj Cadd9
Gmaj
Cadd9

all the other girls here are starsâ€”you are the Northern Lights

Gmaj Cadd9

Gmaj Cadd9
they try to shine in through your curtainsâ€”you re too close and too bright
Gmaj Em7

they try and they try but everything that they do
Am C Gmaj
is the ghost of a trace of a pale imitation of you
Cadd9 Gmaj

Cadd9
I ll be the one to drive you back home Kathleen
Gmaj Cadd9

Gmaj Cadd9
this party is made with the night air and the chance that a smile
Gmaj Cadd9

Cadd9
will wind its way from your face to one of the boys in your line
Gmaj Em7
you act like you re hip to their tricks and you re strong

Am C
Gmaj
but a virgin Wurlitzer heart never once had a song
Cadd9 Gmaj

Cadd9

I ll be the one to drive you back home Kathleen

Gmaj

D

and I ll have you back by break of day

Cadd9

I m going your way anyway

Gmaj

and if you d like to come along

D

I ll be yours for a song

Interlude:

Gmaj

Cadd9

Gmaj

Cadd9

Gmaj

Cadd9

Gmaj

Cadd9

I know you are waiting and I know that it is not for me

Gmaj

Cadd9

Gmaj

Cadd9

but I m here and I m ready and I ve saved you the passenger seat

Gmaj

Em7

I won t be your last dance just your last goodnight

Am

C

Gmaj

every heart is a package tangled up in knots someone else tied

Cadd9

Gmaj

Cadd9

I ll be the one to drive you back home Kathleen

Gmaj

Cadd9

Repeat 4 times

Gmaj

Cadd9

Cadd9

so crawl up your trellis and quietly back into your room

Gmaj

Cadd9

Gmaj

Cadd9

and I ll coast down the length of your drive by the light of the moon

Gmaj

Em7

and the next time I see you a new kind of hello

Am

C

both our hearts have a secret only both of us know

Gmaj

Cadd9

Gmaj

Cadd9

bout the night that I drove you back home Kathleen

Repeat

Gmaj

Cadd9