

The Hard Way
Mary Chapin Carpenter

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(These are the chords for the acoustic (rhythm) guitar; capo at the 2nd fret. The electric guitars play it in D with no capo. Frankly, either way is pretty easy, but I wrote the chords down for the acoustic. The tab at the end is for the electrics.)

(It sounds okay to play E7 instead of G#dim7.)

(I play C5 as x3x013 and G#dim7 as xx0101 or x20101.)

(Each chord is half a measure.)

[Intro]

(The high notes are played by one electric guitar, the low notes by another; no capo on the electrics.)

	A	Bm	G	A	A	Bm	G	A	
e	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	-----0-----0---	
B	---2---2---3---3-	---3---3---2---2-	---3---3---2---2-	---2---2---3---3-	---3---3---2---2-	---2---2---3---3-	---3---3---2---2-	---3---3---2---2-	
G	-2-----4-----	0-----2-----	0-----2-----	2-----4-----	0-----2-----	0-----2-----	0-----2-----	0-----2-----	
D	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
A	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
E	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
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									(accents)
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[Intro]

G Am F G G Am F G C C C/E F C C C/E F
 (electric guitar(s)) (whole band)

[Chorus 1]

C C C/E F C C C/E F
 Show a little inspiration, show a little spark

C C C/E F C C C/E F
 And show that things that drew me to you and stole my heart

C C C/E F C C C/E F
 And tell me something I don t know instead of everything I do

C C C/E F C C C/E F
 And look at me as if I mean something to you

[Verse 1]

G G G#dim G#dim Am Am/G D7/F# D7/F#
 Our hearts are beating while we sleep, but while we re wide awake

F **C5** **C5** **C5**
 You know the world won't stop, and actions speak louder
F **C5** **C5** **C5**
 Listen to your heart, and what your heart might say
G **Am** **F** **G** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
 Everything we got, we got the hard way

[Chorus 2]

C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
 Show a little passion, baby, show a little style
C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
 And show the knack for knowing when and the gift for knowing how
C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
 And have a little trust in us when fear obscures the path
C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
 You know we got this far, darling, not by luck, but by never turning back

[Verse 2]

G **G** **G#dim** **G#dim** **Am** **Am/G** **D7/F#** **D7/F#**
 Some will call on destiny, but I just call on faith
F **C5** **C5** **C5**
 That the world won't stop, and actions speak louder
F **C5** **C5** **C5**
 Listen to your heart, to what your heart might say
G **Am** **F** **G** **C** **C** **C** **C**
 Everything we got, we got the hard way

[Bridge]

Em7 **Em7** **F** **F** **C** **C** **G** **Gsus4** **G**
 Caught up in our little lives, there's not a lot left over
Em7 **Em7** **Am7** **Am7/G** **F(9)** **F(9)** **Gsus4** **G**
 I see what's missing in your eyes; you're searching for that field of clover

[Instrumental]

C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**

[Chorus 3]

C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
 So show a little inspiration, show a little spark
C **C** **C/E** **F** **C** **C** **C/E** **F**
 Show the world a little light when you show it your heart

G **G** **G#dim** **G#dim** **Am** **D**
 We ve got two lives, one we re given and the other one we make
 F **C5** **C5** **C5**
 And the world won t stop, and actions speak louder
G **Am** **F** **G** **C C C C**
 Listen to your heart, and your heart might say

[Outro]

G **Am** **F** **G** **G** **Am** **F** **G**
 Everything we got, we got the hard (everything we got, we got the hard way)
G **Am** **F** **G** **C C C/E F**
 Everything we got, we got the hard way
C C C/E F C C C/E F
 (because the world won t stop) hang on, baby...

[Instrumental]

C C C/E F C C C/E F
 fade.

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