

Try A Little Tenderness
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song title: try a little tenderness

(Chords are mostly A and E barre forms, except for the Em which is open and the **E7** which is a **C7** form moved up four frets. The ascending part (A through G) is an A barre form. /D indicates bass notes)

[Verse 1]

G **Em**
Oh she may be weary
C **D**
Those young girls they do get weary
G **F** **E7** e-0-----|
Wearing that same old shaggy dress b---3-1-0-|
Am **D**
But when she gets weary
G **C** **G** **D**
You try a little tenderness

[Verse 2]

G **Em**
I know she s waiting
C **D**
Just anticipating
G **F** **E7**
The thing that you ll never never possess
Am **D**
no no no but while she s there waiting
G **C** **G**
Try just a little bit of tenderness
That s all you got to do

[Verse 3]

C /D /D# **B**
Now it s not just sentimental no
F **A** /B
But she has her griefs and cares
C /D /D# **B**
But the soft words they are spoke so gentle

yeah yeah yeah

F E7

And it makes it easier to bear

[Verse 4]

C G

Oh she won't regret it, no no

Em C D

Them young girls they don't forget it

G F E7

Love is their whole happiness

yeah yeah yeah

Am D

But it's all so easy

all you got to do is try

G C G

Try a little tenderness

you've got to

[Verse 5]

A

Hold her

B

Squeeze her

C C#

Never leave her

D D#

now get to her

E F F# G F E7

got got got to try a little tenderness

A

you've got to hold her

B

don't squeeze her

C C#

never leave her

D

you've got to (break)

G F E7

try a little tenderness