

The Only Living Boy in New York

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From the album



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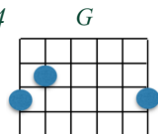
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Sing along with Simon and Garfunkel @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGDt2skie84>

Key of B, capo in the 4th fret. Thus all of the chord charts show fingering as if the nut was the 4th fret.



G intro 1-2-3-4



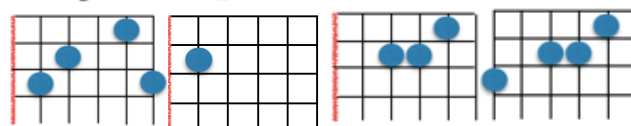
G C
Tom, get your plane right on time.

G C
I know your part'll go fine.

G C Em7/B Am Am/G C walk down ----> C ----> Em7/B ----> Am ----> Am/G
Fly down to Mexico,

D/F# C
Do-n-do-d-do-n-do and here I am,

G C G 1-2-3-4
The only living boy in New York.



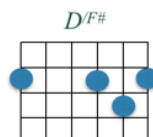
G C
I get the news I need on the weather report.

G C
Aw, I can gather all the news I need on the weather report.

G C Em7/B Am Am/G D/F#
Hey, I've got nothing to do to - - day but smile,

D/F# C
Do-n-doh-d-doh-n-doh and here I am,

G C E 1-2-3-4
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A^m *D⁷/F[♯]*

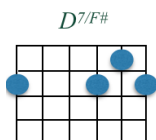
Half of the time we're gone,

G

But we don't know where,

C

And we don't know where.



G C G C G C E^{m7}/B A^m A^m/G D C G 1-2 *C* 3-4-1-2 *E* 1-2-3-4
Ahh ahh aah, ahh ahh aah, ahh ahh aah aah aah aah ahh . . here I am.

A^m *D⁷/F[♯]*

Half of the time we're gone,

G

But we don't know where,

C

And we don't know where.

G C

Tom, get your plane right on time,

G C

I know that you've been eager to fly now.

G C E^{m7}/B A^m A^m/G

Hey let your honesty shine, shine, shine now,

D^F♯

Do-n-do-d-do-n-do,

C

Like it shines on me.

G

C

The only living boy in New York,

G

C

The only living boy in New York.

G C E A^m D⁷/F[♯] G C

1-2-3-4 | 2-2-3-4 | 1-2-3-4 | 1-2-3-4 | 1-2-3-4 | 2-2

G C G C G C E^{m7}/B A^m A^m/G D C G C x2

Ahh ahh aah, ahh ahh aah, ahh ahh aah aah aah aah ahh . . . here I am.

Songs of the Folk as you go

History

"The Only Living Boy in New York" was written by Paul Simon and is the eighth track from Simon and Garfunkel's fifth and final studio album, *Bridge over Troubled Water*. The song was also issued as the B-side to the duo's "Cecilia" single.



Arthur Garfunkel and Alan Arkin in *Catch 22*

Simon wrote the song in reference to Art Garfunkel's sojourn in Mexico, acting in the film *Catch-22*. He was billed Arthur Garfunkel and played the part of Lieutenant Nately, the Pilot.



Bridge over Troubled Water producer Roy Halee, Art Garfunkel and Paul Simon

Simon spent the time during filming alone in New York writing songs for *Bridge over Troubled Water*. He refers to Garfunkel in the song as "Tom", alluding to their early days when they were called Tom and Jerry. The background vocals feature both Garfunkel and Simon recorded together in an echo chamber, multi-tracked around eight times.

Wikipedia



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