

Charlie

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C *Am* *F* *C*
Charlie, I'll make a deal with you
G/C *G/C* *C* *C7*
after which you can do anything you want to
F *G/C* *Am* *C*
I know I've got the leg up, as you're still only made up
F *G/C* *C* *C*
but baby you know I wrote this song for you

C *Am* *F* *C*
Don't go kissing boys, don't make a lot of noise
G/C *G/C* *C* *C7*
let daddy sing his songs, and be real good
F *G/C* *Am* *C*
just treat your teachers nice and find a healthy appetite
F *G/C* *C* *C*
for what you really, really want to do

C *Am* *F* *C*
And if in fact your married before the day I'm buried
E7 *E7* *Am* *Am*
follow just my one and only rule
F *G/C* *Am* *C*
for everything you do just remember through and through
F *G/C* *C* *C*
to be my best friend 'cause i'll be one for you

F *F* *C/G* *C/G*
Charlie, you'll be strong Charlie, you'll be smart
Am *Am* *F* *F*
Charlie, you'll be anything you want to from the start
Fmaj7 *G/C* *E7* *Am*
Charlie, oh my baby, you'll be every bit the lady
F *G/C* *C* *C*
that'll go on breaking this old lonely heart

C *Am* *F* *C*
I know just how you'll be cause you'll be just like me
G/C *G/C* *C* *C7*
charming, so alarming and a little crazy

F *G/C* *Am* *C*

the queen of some sand castle, an abrasive, rowdy hassle
but kind and loving, fresh and bright, I know

C Am F C
Come to me with problems, I swear, I won't go try to solve 'em
G/C G/C C C7
I'll only tell you everything I know
F G/C Am C
like standing tall was all I had, like boys are bad and love's a fad
F G/C C C
that no one ever learns to just let go

F F C/G C/G
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C Am F C
Charlie, there's just one little thing before we meet some lovely spring
E7 E7 Am Am
I have to go and you find you a nice momma
F G/C Am C
she'll be just like me and you, perfect in just what we do
F G/C Am Am
a love as strong as father and his daughter

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F G/C
Oh, darling, Charlie
C/G G/C C G/C C