Hello in There by John Prine (1971)

hammer on the F# in the D and Gma7chords

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G          Am              D7(½)D9(½ )D7(½)D9(½)  G          Am              D7(½)D9(½ )D7(½)D9(½)
  We had an apartment in the city.              Me and Loretta liked living there
Gmaj7      Gma7        C              C      Fsus(½)   F(½)   F          D7(½)D9(½ )D7(½)D9(½)
  It'd been years since the kids had grown,    a life of their own      and left us alone


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  John and Linda live in Omaha,                    and Joe is somewhere on the road
Gmaj7   Gma7          C          C                Fsus(½)    F(½)    F            D(½)D9(½ )D7(½)D9(½)
  We lost Davey in the Korean War     and I still don't know what for,      don't matter anymore


        F          F              G     G        F        F          G     G
           Ya know old trees just grow stronger     and old rivers grow wilder every day
        Gmaj7  Gma7           C        C          Fsus(½)     F(½)  F    D7(½) D9(½) D7(½)D9(½)  G     G
           Old    people just grow lonesome     waiting for someone to say,   "Hello in there,     hello."


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Gmaj7   Gma7   C  C   Fsus(½)    F(½)   F   D7(½)D9(½ )D7(½)D9(½)   G    G   G   G
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Me and Loretta we don't talk much more. She sits and stares through the back door screen
And all the news just repeats itself like some forgotten dream that we both seen

Someday I'll go and call up Rudy; we worked together at the factory
But what should I say when asks, What's new? Nothing what's with you, Nothing much to do

        Ya know old trees just grow stronger   and old rivers grow wilder every day
        Old   people just grow lonesome   waiting for someone to say,   "Hello in there,   hello."

So if you're walking down the street sometime and spot some hollow ancient eyes,
Please don't just pass 'em by and stare as if you didn't care, say, "Hello in there, hello."