

Taxi

by Harry Chapin (1972)

D Am D Am D Am D Am
It was raining hard in 'Frisco I needed one more fare to make my night
D Am D Am C Bb D Am/D D Am/D
A lady up ahead waved to flag me down, she got in at the light

D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D
Oh, where you going to, my lady blue? It's a shame you ruined your gown in the rain.
D Am/D D Am/D C Bb D Am/D D Am/D C(3) D C(3) D
She just looked out the window, she said: "Sixteen Parkside Lane."

D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D
Something about her was familiar, I could swear I'd seen her face before,
D Am/D D Am/D C Bb D Am/D D Am/D
But she said: "I'm sure you're mistaken," and she didn't say anything more.

D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D
It took a while, but she looked in the mirror, then she glanced at the license for my name
D Am/D D Am/D C Bb D Am/D D Am/D
A smile seemed to come to her slowly, it was a sad smile, just the same

G G D D C G D D
And she said: "How are you Harry?" I said, "How are you Sue?"
G G D Bm Em7 Em7 Em/A Em/A D Am/D
Through the too many miles and the too little smiles, I still remember you"

D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D C Bb D Am/D D Am/D

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It was somewhere in a fairy tale, I used to take her home in my car
D Am/D D Am/D C Bb D Am/D D Am/D
We learned about love in the back of a Dodge but the lesson hadn't gone too far

G G Em Em D D Bm Bm
You see, she was gonna be an actress and I was gonna learn to fly
G G D D C Bb D Am/D
She took off to find the footlights and I took off to find the sky

D Am/D D Am/D C C C C C C C

C C C C Bm Bm E7 E7
Oh, I've got something inside me to drive a princess blind
Am Am Am Am Am Am D D Em Em Em Em
There's a wild man, wizard, he's hiding in me Illuminating my mind

C C C C Bm Bm E7 E7
 Oh, I've got something inside me, not what my life's about
 Am Am Am Am Am Bbma7 Bbma7 Bbma7 Bbma7 Ebma7
 Ebma7
 'Cause I've been letting my outside tide me over 'til my time runs out

Ebma7 Ebma7 Ebma7 Bbma7 Bbma7 F F

F F F F Cma7 Cma7 Cma7 Cma7 Gm7 Gm7 Gm7 Gma7 C7 C7 C7 C7
 Baby's so high that she's sky ing, yes she's fly ing, a fraid to fall
 F F G F Em Em Em Em Am9 Am9 Am9 Am9 Gm9 Gm9 Gm9 Gm9
 I'll tell you why baby's cry ing, 'Cause she's dy ing, aren't we all

D Am/D D Am/D

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 There was not much more for us to talk about, Whatever we had once was gone
 D Am/D D Am/D C Bb D Am/D D Am/D
 So I turned my cab into the driveway past the gate and the fine trimmed lawns

D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D
 And she said, we must get together but I knew it'd never be arranged.
 D Am/D D Am/D C Bb D Am/D D Am/D
 And she hand me twenty dollars for a two-fifty fare. She said: "Harry, keep the change"

D+2 D+2 D+2 D+2 D+2 D+2 D+2 D+2
 Well another man might have been angry, and another man might have been hurt
 D+2 D+2 D+2 D+2 C Bb D Am/D D Am/D
 But another man never would have let her go... I stashed the bill in my shirt

G G D D C G D D
 And she walked away in silence, it's strange, how you never know
 G G D Bm Em7 Em7 Em/A Em/A D Am/D D Am/D
 But we'd both gotten what we'd asked for such a long, long time a go

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G G Em Em D D D Bm Bm
 And here, she's acting happy, inside her handsome home
 G G D D C Bb D D D Am/D
 And me, I'm flying in my taxi, taking tips, and getting stoned
 Em Em Em Em A A A A D Am/D D Am/D D Am/D
 I go fly ing so high, when I'm stoned