

Year of the Cat

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Cmaj7^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Cmaj7*^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em*
Cmaj7^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Cmaj7*^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Am7* *D*

Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
On a morning from a Bogart movie, in a
Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
country where they turned back time, you go
Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
strolling through the crowd like Peter Lorre contem-
Am7 *D*
plating a crime. She comes
Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
out of the sun in a silk dress, running like a
B *C*
water color in the rain.

C^(1/2) *B*^(1/2) *Em*
Don't bother asking for explanations. She'll just
Am7 *D*
tell you that she came in the Year of the Cat.
Cmaj7^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Cmaj7*^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Cmaj7*^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Am7* *D*
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Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
She doesn't give you time for questions as she
Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
locks up your arm in hers. And you
Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
follow 'til your sense of which direction
Am7 *D7*
completely disappears. By the
Cmaj7^(1/2) *Bm*^(1/2) *Em*
blue-tiled walls near the market stalls, there's a
B *C*
hidden door she leads you to. "
B *Em*
These days," she says, "I feel my life just like a
Am7 *D*
river running through the Year of the
Cat."
Cmaj7^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Cmaj7*^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Cmaj7*^(1/2) *D6*^(1/2) *Em* *Am7* *D*

B C
 Well she looks at you so cooly and her
G D
 eyes shine like the moon in the sea. She
B C
 comes in incense and pathchouli, so you
G F(½) C/E(½)
 take her to find what's waiting in-
D D Cmaj7(½)
 side the Year of the
Cmaj7(½) D6(½) Em Cmaj7(½) D6(½) Em
Cmaj7(½) D6(½) Em Am7 D
 Cat.

Cmaj7(½) Bm(½) Em
 Well morning comes and you're still with her and the
Cmaj7(½) Bm(½) Em
 bus and the tourists are gone. And you've
Cmaj7(½) Bm(½) Em
 thrown away your choice and lost your ticket so you
Am7 D7
 have to stay on. But the
Cmaj7(½) Bm(½) Em
 drumbeat strains of the night remain in the
B C
 rhythm of the newborn day.
B Em
 You know sometime you're bound to leave her, but for
Am7 D
 now you're gonna stay in the Year of the
Cmaj7(½) D6(½) Em Cmaj7(½) D6(½) Em Cmaj7(½) D6(½) Em Am7 D
 Cat.