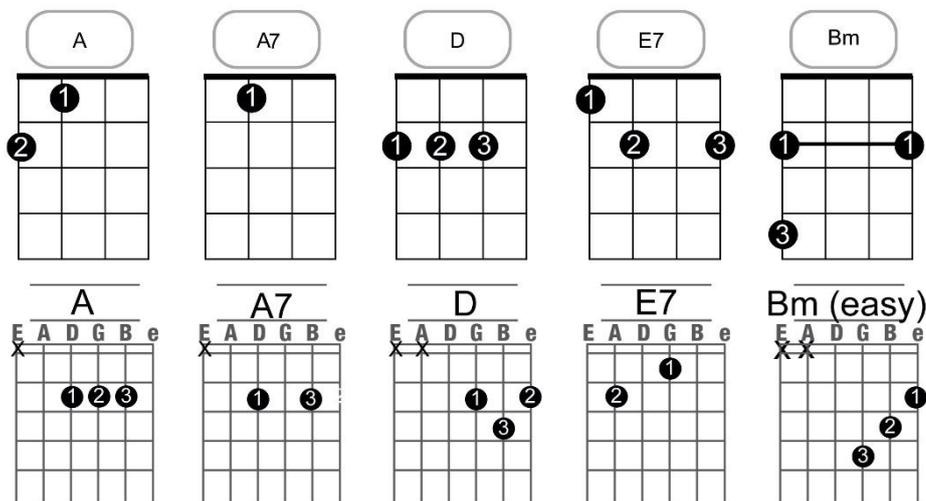


Good Year For The Roses

Elvis Costello & The Attractions



Strum: du du du du- quite laidback, accent beats 2 and 4

Intro

A/// A/// A/// A///

Verse 1

A/// A// D// A///
 I can hardly bear the sight of lipstick, on the cigarettes there in the ashtray
 A/// A/// A// D//
 - - -Lyn' cold the way you left 'em, but at least your lips caressed them, while you
 A/// A7///
 Packed - - - or the
 D/// D/// A/// A///
 Lip-print on a half-filled cup of coffee, that you poured and didn't drink - - - but at
 E7/// E7/// A///
 Least you thought you wanted it, that's so much more than I can say for me

Chorus

A// A7// D/// E7/// A///
 - What a good year for the roses - many blooms still linger there
 A/// Bm///
 - The lawn could stand another mowing
 E7/// A///
 - Funny I don't even care
 A// A7// D/// E7/// D// A///
 - As you turn to walk away - as the door behind you clo - ses
 A/// Bm///
 - The only thing I have to say
 E7/// A// D// A// E7//
 - It's been a good year for the ro - ses

Link

A/// A// D//
A7//// A////

- - - after

Verse 2

A/// A// D// A///
Three full years of marriage, it's the first time that you haven't made the bed
A/// A/// A// D// A///
- - - I guess the reason we're not talking, there's so little left to say we haven't said
A7//// D//// D//// A///
- - - While a million thoughts go racing through my mind, I find I haven't said a word
A/// E7//// E7//// A///
- - - From the bedroom the familiar sound - of a baby's cryin' goes unheard

Chorus

A// A7// D//// E7//// A///
- What a good year for the roses - many blooms still linger there
A/// Bm////
- The lawn could stand another mowing
E7//// A///
- Funny I don't even care
A// A7// D//// E7//// D// A///
- As you turn to walk away - as the door behind you clo - ses
A/// Bm////
- The only thing I have to say
E7//// A// D// A// E7// A*
- It's been a good year for the ro - ses