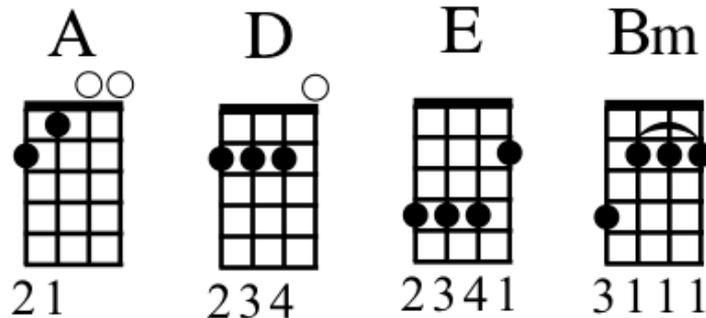


Good Year for the Roses

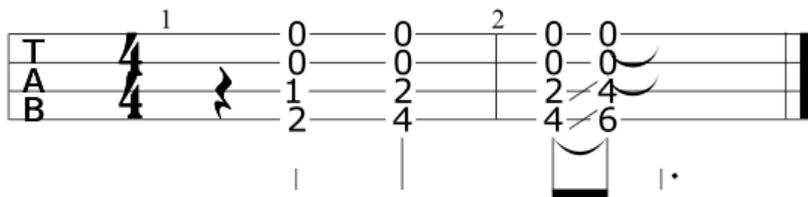


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INTRO

A



VERSE 1

A D A
 I can hardly bear the sight of lipstick on the cigarettes there in the ashtray
 A D A
 Lying cold the way you left 'em, but at least your lips caressed them while you packed
 D A
 Or the lip-print on a half-filled cup of coffee that you poured and didn't drink
 E A
 But at least you thought you wanted it, that's so much more than I can say for me

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D E A
 What a good year for the roses, many blooms still linger there
 Bm E A
 The lawn could stand another mowing, funny I don't even care
 D E D A
 As you turn to walk away, as the door behind you closes
 Bm E A D A E A
 The only thing I have to say, it's been a good year for the roses

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VERSE 2

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

CHORUS