

Only The Lonely



Roy Orbison
 Of Roy Orbison's first 15 top 40's hits, 6 were penned by the Orbison/Melton team. They included the breakthrough record *Only The Lonely* (Know How I Feel), which became #1 in Britain and #2 in America. (This record sold two million and established Orbison as the premier balladeer of the Kennedy years.) In Britain however, it didn't just top the charts but remained in the Top 40 for nearly 6 months. *Only The Lonely* is, of course, the song regarded by many as the starting point of Roy's classic ballad sound. Most of the hits that would follow before he left Monument in 1965, such as *Running Scared*, *Crying*, *Dream Baby*, *In Dreams*, and *It's Over*, contain a vivid combination of heartfelt romantic longing combined with near operatic vocals that established Roy as a truly unique talent.

D Dum dum dum dum be do wha oo yay yay yay yeah
G **A7**
 Oh wo wo wa wa
D **A7** **D** only the lonely
NC **D** **A7** **D** **Em**
 Only the lonely, know the way I feel tonight
A7 **G** **D**
 Only the lonely, know this feeling ain't right

D **D7** **////** **D7** **////**
 There goes my baby, there goes my heart, they're gone forever, so far apart
D **D7** **G** **A7**
 But only the lonely... know why I cry... I cry
D
 Only the lonely...

D **Em**
 Dum dum dum dum be do wha oo yay yay yay yeah
G **A7**
 Oh wo wo wa wa
D **A7** **D** only the lonely
NC **D** **A7** **D** only the lonely

Em
 Only the lonely, know the heartaches I've been through
A7 **G** **D**
 Only the lonely, know I've cried, cried for you
D **////** **D7** **////** **G** **////** **A7**
 Maybe tomorrow a new romance no more sorrow
G **A7**
 You got to take, if your lonely heart breaks
D
 Only the lonely

G **////** **E7** **////** **A7**

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Ukulele chord diagrams for D, Em, G, A7, E7, and D7.