

Your Cheatin' Heart



Hank Williams
(1923-1953)

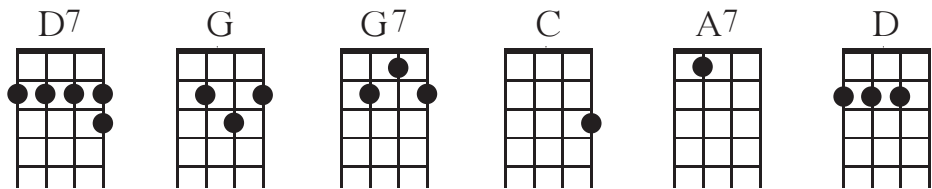
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From Billie Jean Williams Horton

"Hank and I became engaged in Nashville, Tennessee.... This was early summer, 1952....Hank started telling me about his problems with his ex-wife, Audrey. He said that one day her "Cheatin' Heart" would pay. Then he said, "Hey, that'd make a good song! Get out my tablet Baby; ...me and you are gonna write us a song!"

Just about as fast as I could write, Hank quoted the words to me in a matter of minutes....

...(from a letter to Dorothy Horstman, Jun 3, 1974)



(D7) G → G7 C
 1. Your cheatin' heart will make you weep,
 D7 G
 you'll cry and cry, and try to sleep.
 G → G7 C
 But sleep won't come the whole night through,
 D7 G
 your cheatin' heart will tell on you

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(NC) C G
 When tears come down like fallin' rain,
 A7 D → D7
 you'll toss around any call my name.
 G C
 You'll walk the floor the way I do,
 D G
 you're cheatin' heart will tell on you.

(D7) G → G7 C
 2. Your cheatin' heart will pine some day,
 D7 G
 and crave the love you threw away.
 G → G7 C
 The time will come when you'll be blue,
 D7 G
 your cheatin' heart will tell on you

CHORUS