

I Want To Hold Your Hand



This was the first Beatles song to catch on in America. In 1963, the Beatles became stars in England, but couldn't break through in the US. They couldn't get a major label to distribute their singles in America, so songs like "Love Me Do" and "She Loves You" were issued on small labels and flopped, even though they were hits in England. In February 1964, America finally took notice of The Beatles and bought this single in droves, giving them this, their first US hit. It sold more copies in its first 10 days of release in the US than any other British single before or since. The Beatles celebrated madly when they found out they were #1 in America. They came to America for the first time in February 1964, a week after this hit #1, and having the top single gave them a huge boost. John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote this in Jane Asher's basement. Asher was an actress who became Paul's first high-profile girlfriend. After appearing in several movies, TV shows and stage productions, Asher became an authority on baking, and has her own business selling party cakes and supplying baking and decorating equipment. She and Paul broke up in 1968.

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(C) C G Am Em
 Oh, yeah, I'll tell you something... I think you'll understand,

C G Am E(7)
 Then I say that something... I want to hold your hand!

F G7 C Am F G7 C
 I want to hold your hand! I want to hold your hand!

(C) C G Am Em
 Oh, please, say to me... you'll let me be your man,

C G Am E(7)
 And please, say to me... you'll let me hold your hand

F G7 C Am F G7 C
 Now let me hold your hand, I want to hold your hand!

Gm C7 F Dm
 ...and when I touch you I feel happy inside,

Gm C F G
 ...It's such a feeling that my love I can't hide,

F G F G
 I can't hide... I can't hide!

C G Am Em
 Yeah you, got that something... I think you'll understand

C G Am E(7)
 When I feel that something... I want to hold your hand!

F G C Am
 I want to hold your hand!

F G F//// C
 I want to hold your hand!

Gm

C7

Dm

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