

Year of the Cat

Chords And Lyrics

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Intro – Cmaj7-D-Em (x3) – Am7-D7
Gmaj7-Cmaj7- Gmaj7-Cmaj7-E-Am7-D7
Cmaj7-D-Em (x3) – Am7-D7

 Cmaj7 Bm Em
On a morning from a Bogart movie
 Cmaj7 Bm Em
In a country where they turn back time
 Cmaj7 Bm Em
You go strolling through the crowd like Peter Lorre
Am7 D7
Contemplating a crime
 Cmaj7 Bm Em
She comes out of the sun in a silk dress running
 B7 C
Like a watercolor in the rain
 Bm Em
Don't bother asking for explanations
 Am D7
She'll just tell you that she came

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Cmaj7 Bm Em
She doesn't give you time for questions
 Cmaj7 Bm Em
As she locks up your arm in hers
 Cmaj7 Bm Em
And you follow till your sense of which direction

Am7 D7
Completely disappears
 Cmaj7 Bm Em
By the blue tiled walls near the market stalls
 B7 C
There's a hidden door she leads you to
 Bm Em
These days, she says, "I feel my life
 Am7 D7
Just like a river running through
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 B7 C
Why she looks at you so coolly?
 G D
And her eyes shine --like the moon in the sea
 B7 C
She comes in incense -and patchouli
 G F C D
So you take her, to find what's waiting inside
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Break - Cmaj7-D-Em (x3) – Am7-D7
Gmaj7-Cmaj7- Gmaj7-Cmaj7-E-Am-D-Gmaj-D-Gmaj7
Bm- B7-Cmaj7-Em6
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 Cmaj7 D Em
Well morning comes and you're still with her
 Cmaj7 D Em
And the bus and the tourists are gone
 Cmaj7 D Em
And you've thrown away your choice and lost your ticket
 Am7 D7
So you have to stay on

Cmaj7 Bm Em
But the drumbeat strains of the night remain
 B7 C
In the rhythm of the new-born day
 Bm Em
You know sometime you're bound to leave her
 Am7 D7
But for now you're going to stay
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