



GUITAR TABS

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1. IN THE CAR (Capo on 9, D)

Intro: **G6** **D2-3** (2x)

G6 **D2-3**
We're gonna buckle up real tight
G6 **D2-3**
And then the door shuts out the light
G6 **D**
Before mom gets in we're gonna turn the radio dial up to 9

G6 **D**
When we're in the car
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When we're in the car

Then mama puts in the keys
And sally says, "pretty please
Will you play that song just a one more time
The one we always hear"

CHORUS

G **D**
And the car goes: Mmm-mmm
G **D**
And the radio: wah, wah, wah, wah, wah
G **D**
And the speakers go: boom, boom, boom

I don't want this ride to end
Take a left around the bend
Then a right at the corner where the sign says stop
Be careful mama there's a cop

CHORUS

Mama please don't drive me home
Just ride around and roam
Drive around the world do whatever you must
Till there's nothing left, just wheels and a pile of rust

CHORUS

And the car goes: Mmm-mmm
And the radio: wah, wah, wah, wah, wah
And the speakers go: boom, boom, boom

We're gonna buckle up real tight
And then the door shuts out the light
We're gonna turn the engine on
And then radio plays this song:

A G D G D G D G D-G-D
Hmmm....

2. TICKLE MY TOES

Intro: a cappella

Lead in: **g a b**

C **F**
Mama don't you tickle don't you tickle my toes

G **C**
Mama don't you tickle my ticklish toes

C **F**
Mama don't you tickle don't you tickle my toes

G **C**
Mama don't you tickle my ticklish toes

F9 **G**
And don't play this little piggy went to that little town

C **F9**
While the other little piggies were just fooling around

F9 **G**
This little piggy something to eat

C **F9** **G** **G7**
That little piggy just a tickle just a tickle my feet

CHORUS

Don't tickle my tummy, my nose, my ankle, my thigh
And mama don't you tickle my ticklish eye
Whatever you do, watch the knee
And mama don't you tickle my ticklish ticklish me

CHORUS

And don't tickle me there
You know mama I think I've had my fair share
Why don't we give someone else a chance in the ticklish seat
Like let's say sis over there, you know she's got those really nice feet

CHORUS

End: **C-G-C**

3. THOUGHT IT WAS A MONSTER

F C G C
Late at night this sound came out

F C G C
From across the room, from behind the couch

F C G C
And I got scared laying in my bed

F C G C
So I pulled the covers over my head

F C G C
Thought it was a monster, thought it was a ghost

F C G C
Thought it was my brother trying to freak me out

F C G C
But I knew it couldn't be any of those things

F C G C
So I closed my eyes and I began to sing

F C G C
I'm singing Oom bah doom bah deh

F C G C
Chicka oom bah doom Chicka doom bah deh

F C G C
And it went Oom bah doom bah deh

F C G C
Chicka oom bah doom. Chicka doom bah deh

Then all of a sudden from across the room
I heard this sound go -- boom, boom, boom

Thought it was a monster, thought it was a ghost
Thought it was my brother trying to freak me out
But I knew it couldn't be any of those things
So I closed my eyes and I began to sing

CHORUS

At that moment if that wasn't enough
I heard this squeak go eek and I got
So scared laying in my bed
That I pulled the covers over my head

Thought it was a monster, thought it was a ghost
Thought it was my brother trying to freak me out
But I knew it couldn't be any of those things
So I closed my eyes and I began to sing

CHORUS

All of a sudden the lights came on
It was Daddy saying "What's that trouble going on?"
I told him that the sounds were scaring me
And so I had to sing along like a symphony

And I asked him:

"What was that sound going boom, boom, boom?"

"That was just me knocking from across the room."

"Well, what was that sound going eek?" And he said,

"That was just the sound of the door knob squeak.

"Well, what was that sound going oom bah deh?" And he said,

F **G**

"I have no idea."

And so we got scared laying in our bed
And we pulled the covers over our head

Thought it was a monster, thought it was a ghost
Thought it was my brother trying to freak me out
But I knew it couldn't be any of those things
So I closed my eyes and I began to sing

CHORUS

4. YELLOW BUS

Intro: **G D G D G D A D** (2x)

G D G D
Yellow Bus, you're taking too long,
G D A D
You're taking too long, my yellow bus
G D G D
Yellow Bus, you're taking too long,
G D A D
You're taking too long, my yellow bus

G
Well it's only 7:30 and I know it's kinda early
A
But I drank my mama's coffee and I'm feeling kinda surly

CHORUS

Well it's 7:31 and I'm feeling kinda dumb
'Cause I waited this long for you to come

CHORUS

It's 7:33 and I drank a lot of tea
And I think I gotta take a little bity --

CHORUS

G A
Well it's 8 o'clock, now it's 9 o'clock
Bm G
Now its 10, 11, 12, and 1
A A7
And you still ain't come

CHORUS

It's 3 o'clock, 4 o'clock
Now its 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Boy you sure ain't on time

CHORUS

G Well, it's dark out now and the stars are out now
A
Bm And the moon is shining yellow just like you would, bus
G
A If you were here, bus, but you're not
Bm
G And I'm kinda mad about that, But I'm getting over it
A
D And I've just one thing to say to you and that is
A A7 a b c#

CHORUS

Then mama ran out she began to shout
She said, "hey boy, what you doing out there?"

I said, "I'm waiting for that bus you see."
She said, "you're gonna be waiting a long time, its saturday."

CHORUS

5. WILLY WAS A WHALE (note: G has added d)

G **Em**
Willy was a whale and he walked on the water
C **D**
And he tried to be wough and he tried to be tough
G **Em**
But Willy wasn't weally wough he wasn't wough at all
C **D** **G C-G D**
He was a willy white whale and he walked on the water, oh yeah

G **Em**
One day Willy went a walking on the water
C **D**
Well he wasn't weally walking, yes he was, yes he was
G **Em**
He went walking all the way down to Weno, Nevada
C **D**
And he walked into the desert and that's where he sat-a
Am **C** **Am** **D**
Then he watched, then he waited, then he wondered, then he was

CHORUS

Willy why you want to walk awound Nevada
Well he wasn't weally walking, yes he was, yes he was
And Willy why you want to wive all awone in the desert
When Willy the fact is you're a whale not a cactus

C **D**
Willy why you want to waste away in Weno, Nevada
G **G/f#** **Em**
When all your underwater friends are wondering where you're at-a
Am **C** **Am** **D**
Then he watched, then he waited, then he wondered, then he was

CHORUS

The underwater singers:

G **Em**

Ooo, wah, wah, ooo, wah wah

C **D**

Ooo, wah, wah, ooo, wah wah

The underwater singers feeling kinda silly

Didn't want to dilly dally sang to willy wally

And willy heard a sound, so willy stepped out

And he dove on in, and he swam on out

And he swam all night to the bottom of the sea

And that's where willy sang

Once I was a whale and I walked on the water

And I tried to be wough and I tried to be tough

But Willy wasn't weally wough he wasn't wough at all

G C-G, G C-G

He was a willy white whale and he walked on the water, oh yeah

End: **G D-G**

6. **MAMA IS SAD** (Capo on 2, **D**. note: **G** has added d)

D

Mama is sad and I know that

A **D**

She's taken off her ring

D

Mama is sad and I know that

A **D**

I give her everything

G **D**

I give her my boat but the boat won't float

Em **A**

I give her my car but the car won't go

Cause Mama is sad and I know that

I give her everything

I give her my leggo blocks to play
but the blocks won't fit together today

So I give her my horse and a cowboy hat
I put it on her she looks funny like that

But mama is sad and I know that

I give her everything

I give her the train and the broken track
I give her my heart and I don't want it back

Cause Mama is sad and I know that

I give her everything

I'd give her the moon but it's way too high
I reach up for it but it's stuck in the sky

G **D** **G**

So I give her the earth and the whole milky way

D **A** **G f# e D**

When I give her my hand and say, "all is o-k"

D
And Mama is sad and I know that
A **G f# e D**
I give her everything

8. TIE YOUR SHOE (Capo on 3, C)

Lead in: **g a b**

C

The sky is blue, what you gonna do

G

Take a little time to tie your shoe

F

And tie it, tie it,

G

C

Keep on tying your shoe

You take two strings, you pull 'em apart
You cross both strings like you cross your heart
Then you drop one string, put it underneath
Pull both strings like you're pulling out teeth

Daddy's in the kitchen making soup
So you take one string you put it in a loop
With the other string you wrap it around
Ain't too hard, ain't too profound

Take that string and push it through
Till the number of loops you got is 2
Then you pull both loops, pull 'em tight
Pull 'em hard with all your might

The sky is blue, what you gonna do
Take a little time to tie your shoe
And tie it, tie it,
Keep on tying your shoe. Let's tie 'em.

You take two strings, you pull 'em apart
You cross both strings like you cross your heart
Then you drop one string, put it underneath
Pull both strings like you're pulling out teeth

Sister's in the kitchen, dance the loop-de-loop
So you take one string you put it in a hoop
With the other string you wrap it around

Ain't too hard, ain't too profound

Take that string and push it through
Till the number of loops you got is 2
Then you pull both loops, pull 'em tight
Pull 'em hard with all your might

The sky is blue, what you gonna do
Take a little time to tie your shoe
And tie it, tie it,

C C/b Am Em F G C-G-C

Keep on tying your shoe.

9. ONE LITTLE COOKIE

Intro: **A A/g# A/g A/f# E E7**

A **F#m**
With one eye watching the kitchen door

D **E**
One hand reaching for the cookie jar

A **F#m**
I heard this voice from up above

D **E** **E7**
Shower down these words of love

A **A/g#** **F#m**
Mama always said no sweets before

D **E**
Mama always said no treats before

A **A/g#** **F#m** **F#m/e**
Yeah but one little cookie wouldn't spoil my dinner

D **E**
Now would it, would it

A **A/g#** **F#m** **F#m/e**
No and one little cookie couldn't spoil my dinner

D **E** **E7**
Now could it, could it

The first little cookie was pretty nice
But another little cookie would be paradise
Then I heard that voice from up above
Shower down these words of love

Mama always said no sweets before
Mama always said no treats before

Yeah but two little cookies wouldn't spoil my dinner
Now would it, would it
Yeah and two little cookies couldn't spoil my dinner
Now could it, could it

D **E**
And then I ate the third cookie just for kicks
A **A/g#** **F#m**
But man you should of seen 4, 5 and 6
D **E**
And 7 that was going a little far
D **E** **E7**
But 8 & 9 they were right on par

One eye watching the kitchen door
One hand reaching for the cookie jar
I heard that voice from up above
Shower down these words of love

It was my mama calling me
For dinner don't you see
And when I heard her, I did a double take
And grabbed a cookie just for old time's sake

Yeah and ten little cookies wouldn't spoil my dinner
Now would it, would it, no
And ten little cookies couldn't spoil my dinner
Now could it, could it, no
Could it, could it, whoah
Could it, could it, well,

A
Maybe

10. HEY HIPPOPOTAMUS (Capo on 2, D)

D **A7** **D** **A7** **D** **A7** **D** **A7**
Down in the jungle there's a hippo who just loves to laugh (well, ha ha ha ha)
D **A7** **D** **A7** **D** **A7** **D** **A7**
Sinks in the river and sleeps in his muddy bath(well, ha ha ha ha)

G **A**
All the other creatures shout:
D **A7** **D** **A7**
Hey hippopotamus don't talk to him
 D **A7** **D** **A7**
Hippopotamus don't talk to him

It's not very nice to treat a hippo that way
Even if he is a mud bath dweller in a big old pot of wet clay

CHORUS (2x)

So one day hippo decided to get out of his muddy bed (well, ha ha ha ha)
He decided to shake his hips a little bit and do the hippo dance instead (ha ha)

And all the other creatures shout:
Hey Hippopotamus can we do that dance with you
Can we do it, can we do that dance with you now
(2x)

All you do is stand up, put your hands in the air, and shake your hips a little bit.
Then you go like this: 'na na na na na na na na na na na na na na na'

Then all the other creatures shout:
Hey Hippopotamus we love to do that dance with you
We love to do it, we love to do that dance with you now
(2x)

And then hippo said: If you like that dance so much
You should check out the mud

End: **D**

11. GIRAFFE/NIGHTINGALE

A **A/c#** **D** **E**
The giraffe said to the nightingale bird
A **A/c#**
He said, "how you sing your song so sweet
D **E**
Like something never heard of
A **A/c#** **D** **E**
And fly up high way past the clouds
A **A/c#** **D** **E**
And never, ever, ever have to touch down?"

Then the nightingale said to the giraffe, sir,
He said, "how you grow your neck so long
Like something never heard of
And never searching for food in the sea
You got it right next to you, you know, the leaves on the trees?"

Then the worm said to giraffe and nightingale bird
He said, "those things you say you know
They're something never heard of
Admiring things in everyone else and
Never admiring nothing in yourself."

Then the giraffe said to the nightgale bird
He said, "I'm gonna stretch my neck so long
Like something never heard of
And you can sing until it hurts my ears
Because your melody is so sweet, it takes away all my fears."

And the giraffe said to the nightingale bird
He said, "I'll meet you in the clear moonlight
That's something you can be sure of
And you can fly up high way past the clouds
And you can land on my nose, it's closer to you than the ground."

And if there was any message that I could bring
It'd be the giraffe nightingale bird sing thing
If there was any message that I could bring
It'd be the giraffe nightingale bird sing thing
La da da da dao dao dao. La da da da dao dao dao

End: **A**

12. ALL EYES ON YOU (Capo on 2, D)

Intro: **D A G A G A**

D **A** **G**
The world is unfurled for you
 A **G**
So soft and light, so burning bright
 A **D**
So arms that cling, so hearts that sing

Don't cry now, just rest your eyes
Sorrows will fade to stars unmade
And dreams unsung, thy will be done

Nighttime now, all eyes on you
Beautiful sight, day into night
Dark into light, cuddle up tight
And if you wake, my soul to take
By your sweet grace, time won't erase this

All eyes on you, all eyes on you

Your eyes are so warm and true
So soft and light, so burning bright
So arms that cling, makes my heart sing

All eyes on you...

End: **A**