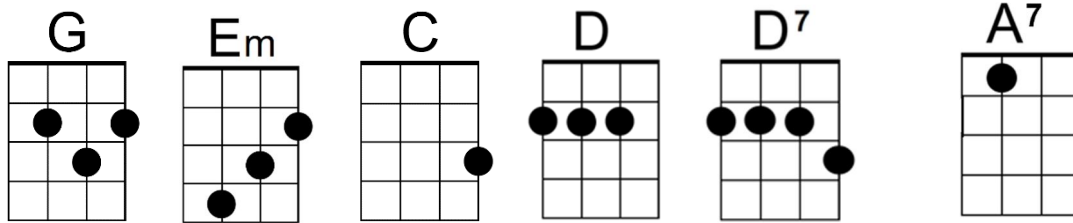


ONLY SIXTEEN – Written and recorded by Sam Cooke, 1959



She was [G] only six-[Em]teen, [C] only six-[D]teen
[C] [D7] I loved her [G] so.
But she was too [Em] young, to [C] fall in [D] love
And [C] I was too [D7] young to [G] know.

We'd [G] laugh and we'd [Em] sing, and [C] do the little [D] things
[C] That [D7] made our hearts [G] glow.
But she was too [Em] young, to [C] fall in [D] love
And [C] I was too [D7] young to [G] know.

[C] Why did I [D7] give my [G] heart so [Em] fast?
It [C] never will [D7] happen a-[G]gain.
But [C] I was a [D7] mere [G] lad of six-[Em]teen,
[A7] I've aged a year since [D7] then.

She was [G] only six-[Em]teen, [C] only six-[D]teen
[C] With [D7] eyes that would [G] glow.
But she was too [Em] young, to [C] fall in [D] love
And [C] I was too [D7] young to [G] know.

(Then [C] why did you [D7] give my [G] heart so [Em] fast?)
Whoa, It [C] never will [D7] happen a-[G]gain.
([C] You were a [D7] mere [G] lad of six-[Em]teen)
[A7] I've aged a year since [D7] then.

She was [G] only six-[Em]teen, [C] only six-[D]teen
[C] With [D7] eyes that would [G] glow.
But [G] she was too [Em] young, to [C] fall in [D] love
And [C] I was too [D7] young to [G] know.
[G] She was too [Em] young, to [C] fall in [D] love
And [C] I was too [D7] young to [G] know [Em]
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[C] I was too [D7] young to [G] know.....