

# American Dreaming – Dead Can Dance

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Key: Notes: Note: For the verses, take the C/G shape and then slide it up two frets, to form the D/A shape. Repeat this over and over throughout the song.  
For the Chorus do the reverse. D/A = Dadd4add9/A

[Intro]  
C/G Cmaj7/G D Dsus4

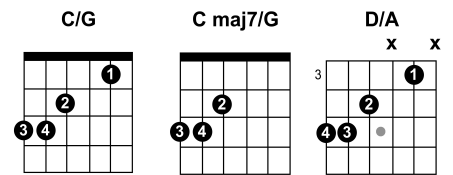
[Verse 1]  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**I need my conscience to keep watch over me**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**To protect me from myself**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**So I can wear honesty like a crown on my head**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**When I walk into the promised land**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**We've been too long American dreaming**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**I think we've all lost the way**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**For-lon som-nambulistic**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**maniacal in the dark**

[Verse 2]  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**I'm in love with an American girl**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**Well she's my best friend**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**I love her surreptitious smile**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**That hides the pain within her**

[Verse 3]  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**And we'll go dancing in rings of laughter**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**The Nibelung by the shores**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**Fear long in the bounds of raptures**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**And even long for the loss**

[Chorus]  
D/A Cmaj7/G C/G Cmaj7/G C/G  
**Yea-- on a lea the rising wind blows**  
D/A Cmaj7/G C/G Cmaj7/G C/G  
**Fea-- on a lea the rising wind blows How long How long?**

[Solo]  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A



[Verse 4]  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**Fear long in the grounds of allegian-**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**ces we left behind**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**Turn - ban by the foot of the doorway**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**Never lost and found**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**We've been too long American dreaming**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**I think we've all lost the heart**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**Fear long som-nambulistic**  
C/G Cmaj7/G D/A  
**maniacal in the dark**

[Outro]  
D/A Cmaj7/G C/G Cmaj7/G C/G  
**Yea-- on a lea the rising wind blows**  
D/A Cmaj7/G C/G Cmaj7/G C/G  
**Fea-- on a lea the rising wind blows How long How long?**

\***Nibelung** are "the children of the mist," a race of demonic or dwarflike beings, the original possessors of the famous ring won by Siegfried in "The Ring of the Nibelung." - any of a race of dwarfs who possessed a treasure captured by Siegfried.)

**Forlorn somnambulistic maniacal in the dark**

**Forlorn** – to lose utterly, abandoned or deserted, in pitiful condition; wretched; miserable or deserted; bereft or deprived

**Somnambulistic** (säm.nambyə'listik) - Sleepwalking - The act of walking or performing another activity associated with wakefulness while asleep or in a sleep like state. Also called *somnambulism*.

**Maniacal** - Suggestive of or afflicted with insanity: *a maniacal frenzy*. Characterized by excessive enthusiasm or excitement: *a maniacal interest in gambling*.

**Lea** - a tract of open ground, esp. grassland; meadowland used for a few years for pasture or for growing hay, then plowed over and replaced by another crop; a crop of hay on tillable land.