

American Dreaming – Dead Can Dance

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Key: **Notes:** 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
mania- cal 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

***Nibelung** are "the children of the mist," a race of demonic or dwarf like 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.)

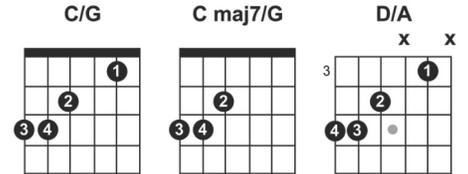
"Forlorn somnambulistic maniacal in the dark"

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

Somnambulistic (säm,nambya'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; meadow land 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.



[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?