

Dirty Work – Steely Dan

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Key: C **Capo:** 1st Fret **Notes:** Original done in Bb. Walk up after the Bb to the C
I think the F in the chorus should be a Fmaj7.

[Intro]

C – F – Am – Bb [3x]

C – F

[Verse 1]

Am Dm7

Times are hard

G7 Cmaj7
You're afraid to pay the fee

F Bb
So you find yourself somebody

C G/B Am – G – F
Who can do the job for free

Am Dm7
When you need a bit of lovin'

G7 Cmaj7
Cause your man is out of town

F Bb
That's the time you get me runnin'

C Dm
And you know I'll be around

[Chorus]

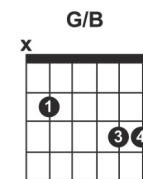
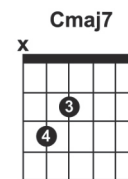
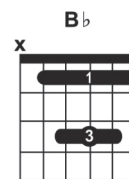
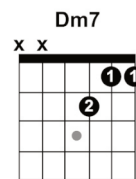
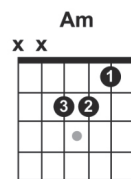
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I'm a fool to do your dirty work Oh yeah

C F Am Bb
I don't wanna do your dirty work No more

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(Instrumental / Bridge)

G – Em – G – Em – F – G Dm



[Verse 2]

Am Dm7
Light the candle

G7 Cmaj7
Put the lock upon the door

F Bb
You have sent the maid home early

C G/B Am – G – F
Like a thousand times before

Am Dm7
Like the castle in its corner

G7 Cmaj7
In a medieval game

F Bb
I foresee terrible trouble

C Dm
And I stay here just the same

[Chorus]

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[Alternative Chorus]

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