

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. Slowdowner: -1.00

[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

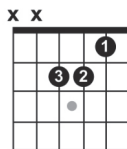
[Chorus]

C F Am Bb
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
C F Am Bb
I'm a fool to do your dirty work Oh yeah

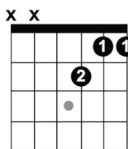
(Instrumental / Bridge)

G – Em – G – Em – F – G Dm

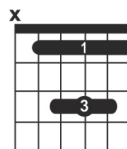
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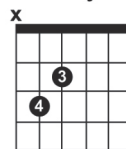
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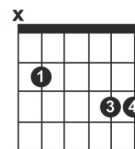
Bb



Cmaj7



G/B



[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]

C F Am Bb
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
C F Am Bb
I'm a fool to do your dirty work Oh yeah

[Alternative Chorus]

C Fmaj7 Am Bb
I'm a fool to do your dirty work Oh yeah
C Fmaj7 Am Bb
I don't wanna do your dirty work No more
C Fmaj7 Am Bb
I'm a fool to do your dirty work Oh yeah

