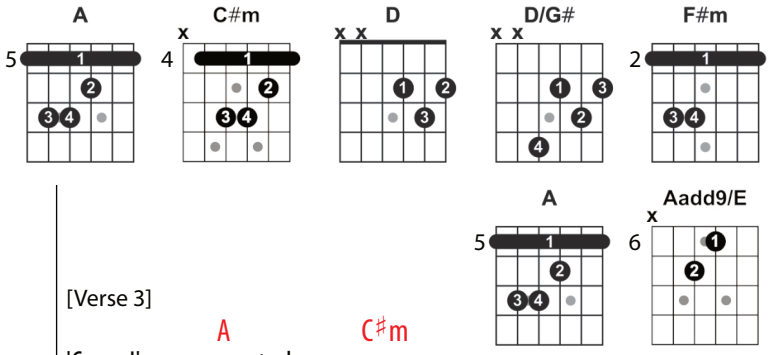
Flight Test – The Flaming Lips

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Key: A **Notes**: 2nd singer sings the lyrics in parentheses and the Chorus because of the overlaid singing.

Use bar chords for all except the D D/G# and E

E11 and Aadd9/E are played over the A repeatedly, by the 2nd guitarist.



[Intro]
A – C♯m – D – E – A – F♯m – E

[Verse 1]
A
I thought I was smart
C♯m
I thought I was right
D E
I thought it better not to fight
A F♯m E
I thought there was a virtue in always being cool
A C♯m
So when it came time to fight
D E
I thought I'd just step aside
A F♯m
And that time would prove you wrong
E A…
and you would be the fool

[Chorus 1]
…A C♯m D D/G♯
(I don't know) Where the sun beams and the star lights begin
A F♯m E
It's all a mystery

[Verse 2]
A C♯m
Oh to fight is to defend
D
And if it's not
E A F♯m E
Then tell me when would be the time that you would stand up and be a man
A C♯m D
For to lose I could accept but to surrender
E A
I just wept and regretted this moment
F♯m E
Oh that I
A…
I was the fool

[Chorus 2]
…A C♯m D D/G♯
(I don't know) Where the sun beams and the star lights begin
A F♯m E
It's all a mystery
(And I don't know)
A C♯m D E
How a man decides what's right for his own life
A F♯m E
It's all a mystery.

[Verse 3]
A C♯m
'Cause I'm a man- not a boy
D E
And there are things you can't avoid
A
You have to face them
F♯m E
When you're not prepared to face them
A C♯m
And if I could I would
D E
But you're with him I'll do no good
A
I should have fought him,
F♯m E
But instead I let him
A
Let him take you
(I don't know)

[Chorus 2]

A – C♯m – D – E – A – F♯m – E

[Chorus 2]

[Close Chorus]
F♯m E
(When you're not prepared to face them)
A C♯m D E
I don't know where the sun beams and the star lights begin
A
It's all a mystery
F♯m E
(But instead I let them take you)
A F♯m E
Mystery

[End]
A – Aadd9