

# Sweet Caroline – Neil Diamond

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**Key:** B **Capo:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fret **Notes:** Drone the muted low E string.

[Intro]

E7 – E7 – E – E – E7 – E – E7 – A

[Verse 1]

A D  
Where it began, I can't begin to knowin'  
A E  
But then I know it's growin' strong  
A D  
Was in the spring, and spring became a summer  
A E  
Who'd have believed you'd come along?

[Pre-Chorus]

A F#m  
Hands, touching hands  
E D E E – E6 – E  
Reaching out, touching me, touching you

[Chorus]

A D D – A – D/A  
Sweet Caroline,  
E E – Esus4 – E  
good times never seemed so good  
A D D – A – D/A  
I've been inclined,  
to believe they never...

[all one stroke]

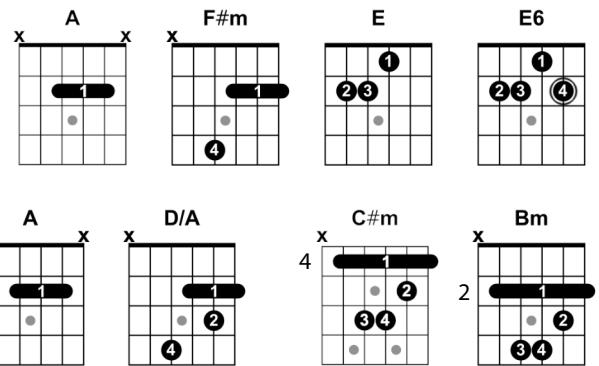
E D C#m Bm  
would But now i

[Verse 2]

A D  
Look at the night, and it don't seem so lonely  
A E  
We fill it up with only two  
A D  
And when I hurt, hurting runs off my shoulder  
A E E7  
How can I hurt when holding you?

[Pre-Chorus]

A F#m  
Hands, touching hands  
E D E E – E6 – E  
Reaching out, touching me, touching you



[Chorus]

[Intro] [8x]

E

[Closing Chorus] [Repeat]

A D D – A – D/A  
Sweet Caroline,  
E E – Esus4 – E  
good times never seemed so good  
A D D – A – D/A  
Sweet Caroline,,  
E E – Esus4 – E  
I believe they never could (would)...

[Intro]

E

e | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
B | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
G | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
D | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
A | 2-4-5-----2-4- | 5-4-2---5-4-2--- | 5-7-9-----5-7- | 9-7-5---9-7-5--- |  
E | 0---0---0---0--- | 0---0---0---0--- | 0---0---0---0--- | 0---0---0---0--- |

e | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
B | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
G | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
D | 4---6-----7--- | 11-----9----- |  
A | m-----9-11 | 12-----11----- | (12)---(11)--- |  
E | 0---0---0---0--- | 0---0---0---0--- | 0---0---0---0--- |

e | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
B | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
G | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
D | ----- | 11-----9----- |  
A | 9-11-12-----9-11 | 12-----11----- | (12)---(11)--- |  
E | 0---0---0---0--- | 0---0---0---0--- | 0---0---0---0--- |

Officially released on Sept. 16, 1969, as a single. There are three distinct mixes of this song. **First:** the original mono 45 single mix had a loud orchestra and glockenspiel. **Second:** stereo version on the "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show" LP. **Third:** a remix found only on the initial CD release of Neil Diamond's "His 12 Greatest Hits". This version has the orchestra mixed down very noticeably and has the background vocals mixed up. It has a longer fade as well. The song reached #4 on the Billboard chart and eventually went platinum.