


Swift Guitar Lessons

"Fast Car" By Tracy Chapman

Standard Tuning | Capo 2 | Key of A | 100bpm | Released April 1988 | Elektra



Intro: Apply measures 1 & 2 to verse sections 

Cmaj7	G	Em	D+4	Cmaj7	G	Em	D+4
e	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B	-0h1-0-3---3----	-8--8--7---7-----		-0h1-0-3---3----		8--8--7---7-----	
G	-0---0-0-----0--	-0--0--0-----0--		-0---0-0-----0--		0--0--0-----0--	
D	-----	-----		-----		-----	
A	-3-----	-7-----5-----	(0)	-3-----		7-----5-----	(0)
E	-----3-----	-----		-----3-----		-----	

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B	-0h1-0-3---3----	-8--10-8--7--8-7--		-0h1-0-3---3----		-8--8--7---7-----	
G	-0---0-0-----0--	-0-----0-----		-0---0-0-----0--		-0--0--0-----0--	
D	-----	-----		-----		-----	
A	-3-----	-7-----5-----		-3-----		-7-----5-----	(0)
E	-----3-----	-----		-----3-----		-----	

Verse #1 Main Intro Riff Repeating

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

You got a fast car, I want a ticket to anywhere.

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

Maybe we make a deal? Maybe together we can get somewhere?

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

Any place is better... Starting from zero, got nothing to lose.

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

Maybe we'll make something, me myself, I got nothing to prove

Play Intro Riff 2x

Verse 2:

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

You got a fast car, I got a plan to get us out of here

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

I been working at the convenience store, managed to save just a little bit of money.

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

Won't have to drive too far... Just cross the border and into the city,

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

You and I can both get jobs, and finally see what it means to be living.

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Verse 3:

Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
You see, my old man's got a problem... He live with the bottle, that's the way it is
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
He says his body's too old for working, his body's too young to look like his.
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
My mama went off and left him, she wanted more from life than he could give,
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
I said, "Somebody's got to take care of him." So I quit school and that's what I did.

Play Intro Riff 2x

Verse 4: Shortened Variation

Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
You got a fast car, but is it fast enough so we can fly away?
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
We gotta make a decision, leave tonight or live and die this way

Play Intro Riff 2x

Chorus 1:



(D+4)

So, I remember when we were

C **(Cmaj7)** **C** **G** **G+9** **G**
driving, driving in your car, the speed so fast it felt like I was drunk

Em **(Esus4)** **Em** **D** **Dsus2** **D**

The city lights lay out before us and your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder

C **Em** **D** **(Dsus2)** **D**

And I___I had a feeling that I___ belonged

C **Em** **D** **C** **D** **D**

And I___I had a feeling I could be someone, be someone, be someone

Play Intro Riff 2x



Verse 5:

Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
You got a fast car, and we go cruising to entertain ourselves
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
you still ain't got a job and I work in a market as a checkout girl
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
I know things will get better, you'll find work and I'll get promoted
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
We'll move out of the shelter, buy a bigger house and live in the suburbs.

Play Intro Riff 2x

Chorus 2:

(D+4)
So, I remember when we were
C **(Cmaj7)** **C** **G** **G+9** **G**
driving, driving in your car, the speed so fast it felt like I was drunk
Em **(Esus4)** **Em** **D** **(Dsus2)** **D**
The city lights lay out before us and your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder
C **Em** **D** **(Dsus2)** **D**
And I____I had a feeling that I____ belonged
C **Em** **D** **C** **D**
And I____I had a feeling I could be someone, be someone, be someone

Play Intro Riff 2x

Verse 6:

Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
You got a fast car and I got a job that pays all our bills.
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
You stay out drinking late at the bar, you see more your friends than you do your kids.
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
I'd always hoped for better, thought maybe together you and me would find it,
Cmaj7 **G** **Em** **D+4**
I got no plans, I ain't going nowhere, so take your fast car and keep on driving.

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Chorus 3:

(D+4)

So, I remember when we were

C (Cmaj7) C G G+9 G

driving, driving in your car, the speed so fast it felt like I was drunk

Em (Esus4) Em D (Dsus2) D

The city lights lay out before us and your arm felt nice wrapped 'round my shoulder

C Em D (Dsus2) D

And I___I had a feeling that I___ belonged

C Em D C D

And I___I had a feeling I could be someone, be someone, be someone

Play Intro Riff 2x

Verse 7: Repeat of shortened verse 4

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

You got a fast car, is it fast enough so you can fly away?

Cmaj7 G Em D+4

You gotta make a decision, leave tonight or live and die this way

Outro:

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G -0---0-0-----0--	-----	0--0--0-----0--	-----	-0---0-0-----0--	-----	0--0--0-----0--	-----
D -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
A -3-----	-----	7-----5-----	-----	-3-----	-----	7-----5-----	-----
E -----3-----	-----	-----	-----	-----3-----	-----	-----	-----

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