

Fast Car

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Key: D

Tempo: 104 BPM

Chords needed: D, Dmaj7, A, F#m, E

Video Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BRVdYQfGBg>

Principal Riff

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
Dmaj7 A F#m E
A|4h5-4-0---0-----|-----|
E|2-----0-----|--5---4---4---|
C|2-----|6---4---4---|
G|-----2---2---|-----|

Bridge Strum Pattern

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D A F#m E
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1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D F#m E D F#m E
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1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D E
D D D DUD D D DU

[Intro - Riffx4]

[Verse 1]

Dmaj7 **A**
You got a fast car,
F#m **E**
I want a ticket to anywhere.
Dmaj7 **A**
Maybe we make a deal,
F#m **E**
Maybe together we can get somewhere.
Dmaj7 **A**
Any place is better.
F#m **E**
Starting from zero, got nothing to lose.
Dmaj7 **A**
Maybe we'll make something,
F#m **E**
Me myself, I got nothing to prove.

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Verse 2]

Dmaj7 **A**
You got a fast car
F#m **E**
And I got a plan to get us out of here
Dmaj7 **A**
I been working at the convenience store
F#m **E**
Managed to save just a little bit of money
Dmaj7 **A**
Won't have to drive too far
F#m **E**
Just cross the border and into the city
Dmaj7 **A**
You and I can both get jobs
F#m **E**
And finally see what it means to be living

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Verse 3]

Dmaj7 **A**
You see my old man's got a problem
F#m **E**
He live with the bottle that's the way it is
Dmaj7 **A**
He says his body's too old for working
F#m **E**

His body's too young to look like his

Dmaj7 **A**

My mama went off and left him

F#m **E**

She wanted more from life than he could give

Dmaj7 **A**

I said, "somebody's got to take care of him"

F#m **E**

So I quit school and that's what I did

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Verse 4]

Dmaj7 **A**

You got a fast car

F#m **E**

But is it fast enough so we can fly away

Dmaj7 **A**

We gotta make a decision

F#m **E**

We leave tonight or live and die this way

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Chorus 1]

D

I remember when we were driving, driving in your car

A

The speed so fast I felt like I was drunk

F#m

City lights lay out before us

E

And your arm felt nice wrapped round my shoulder

D F#m E

And I.... had a feeling that I belonged

C F#m E

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

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Verse 5]

Dmaj7 **A**

You got a fast car

F#m **E**

And we go cruising to entertain ourselves

Dmaj7 **A**

You still ain't got a job

F#m **E**

And I work in a market as a checkout girl

Dmaj7 **A**

I know things will get better

F#m **E**

You'll find work and I'll get promoted

Dmaj7 **A**

We'll move out of the shelter

F#m **E**

Buy a big house and live in the suburbs

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Chorus 2]

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Verse 6]

Dmaj7 **A**

You got a fast car

F#m **E**

And I got a job that pays all our bills

Dmaj7 **A**

You stay out drinking late at the bar

F#m **E**

See more of your friends than you do of your kids

Dmaj7 **A**

I'd always hoped for better

F#m **E**

Thought maybe together you and me would find it

Dmaj7 **A**

I got no plans I ain't going nowhere

F#m **E**

So take your fast car and keep on driving

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Chorus 3]

[Interlude - Riff x2]

[Verse 7]

Dmaj7 **A**

You got a fast car

F#m **E**

But is it fast enough so you can fly away

Dmaj7 **A**

You gotta make a decision

F#m **E**

You leave tonight or live and die this way

[Coda - Riffx4]