Over The Rainbow

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The original transcription was by John Manning of Eva Cassidy's cover and it has been further modified by me to correct some voicings. The ">>" notation means to "walk" from the first chord to the second. C(3) means to plays this chord on the 3^{rd} fret, C(1) means to play it on the 1^{st} fret, etc.

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G
        D7sus4
    C
                 D7 [played as the first line of the bridge]
G \gg Em Bm G7(3)
                            C(3) Cm(3) G G7 >> C [walk up slowly in 10^{th}s]
Somewhere over the rainbow way-- up--- high,
                                                               G C D7
        Cm(1) G \gg Em
                                         Am<sub>7</sub>
                                               D7sus4
                                                          D7
C(1)
There's a---- land--- that I heard of once, once in a lullaby.
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.
BRIDGE:
G
                                   C(add 2)
Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the
                 G Em C D7sus4 D7
Clouds are far behind me.
                                         F#7
Where troubles melt like lemon drops away above the chimney tops,
                     Am7
That's where you'll find me.
[instrumental/scat break over the chords for the first two lines of the verse]
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That's where you'll find me.
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And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.
                                C(add 2)
G
                                                   Am7
                                                             D7
                                                                       C9
                                                                            Ab
                                                                                G
If happy little bluebirds fly above the rainbow, why, oh, why can't I?
Cm(1)
       = x 3 1 0 1 x
       = x 1 4 4 3 x
C5add9 = x 3 x 0 3 3
D7sus/C = x 3 x 0 3 2
Another way to play the opening line:
G = 3 \times \times \times 0 \times
G/A = x 0 x x 1 x
G/B = x 2 x x 3 x
   = x 3 x x 5 x
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Cm = x 3 x x 4 x