Summertime
(original version)

Words & Music:
Ira & George Gershwin & Dubose Heyward
From the opera "Porgy & Bess"

1. My original version (somewhat easier):
   Am7   Bm7/A   Am7   Bm7/A [2 beats each]
   Am7 Bm7/A [continue the intro vamp]
   Summertime------and the living is easy.
   Dm7  Em7/D  Dm7  Em7/D  E7
   Fish are jumping------, and the cotton is high.
   Am7 Bm7/A [continue the intro vamp]
   Oh, your daddy's rich, and your mama's good-looking.
   CM7   Am7   D7   G9sus4  [back to original intro vamp]
   So, hush, little baby, don't you----cry.

   One of these mornings, you're going to rise up singing,
   Then you'll spread your wings and you'll take to the sky.
   But until that morning there's a-nothing can harm you
   With Daddy and Mammy standing by.

2. Doug French's corrected version (truer to the original):
   INTRO VAMP:  Dm6  A7 [2 beats each, repeat as you will end on Dm6]
   A+    Dm6  A7  Dm6      A7        Dm6  A7  Dm6
   Summertime------and the living is ea---sy.
   A7    Dm6  Gm7  Bb6  Gm7    BbM7  G#dim  A  E7(#9)  A  Am6
   Fish are jumping------, and the cotton is--- high.
   A7-5   Dm6  A7  Dm6      A7        Dm6  A7  Dm6
   Oh, your daddy's rich, and your ma is good-looking.
   G7  F    Dm  G    Gm7    Dm    Dm#7
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CHORDS:
A+ = x 0 3 2 2 1 or 5 4 3 2 2 x
Dm6 = x x 0 2 0 1
Bb6 = x 1 3 3 3 3 or 10 10 12 10 11 10
G#dim = 4 5 6 4 x x or x 11 12 13 12 x
A7-5 = 5 x 5 6 4 x or x 0 1 0 2 x
Am6 = 5 x 4 5 5 x
BbM7 = 6 x 7 7 6 x
E7(#9) = 0 2 0 1 3 3 or x 7 6 7 8 x
Dm#7 = x 5 7 6 6 5 or x x 0 2 2 1