

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

So, hush, little baby, don't you----cry.

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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