Take Me Out To The Ballgame

Words & Music: Jack Norworth & Albert Von Tilzer (1908)

This is the iconic, quintessential American baseball song and was featured in Ken Burns’ documentary on the sport. Everybody knows the chorus, but not the verses that set up the story. Clayton Campbell is a champ for figuring out & sending me the chords and the words to the first verse! Thanks, Clayton!

VERSE:
A                                                    D
Katie Casey was baseball mad, had the fever & had it bad.
E7                                            A
Just to root for the hometown crew, every sou Katie blew.
A                                                             D
On a Saturday, he, young beau, asked young Katie if she would go,
B7 E7                     E#7      B7           E7
To see a show; but young Katie said, "No. I'll tell you what you can do..."

CHORUS:
A                  E    E7     A                  E   E7
"Take me out to the ball game. Take me out with the crowd. [alt: "to the park"]."
F#m                     Bm            D                 E7
F#m                                   Bm                B7
Buy me some peanuts and Crackerjack. I don't care if I never ["we ever"] get back!
A
So, it's root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win, it's a shame.
A    Adim7  A             E#7        B7  E7   A
For it's one, two-- three strikes you're out at the old ball game!"

Katie Casey loved baseball games; knew the players, knew all their names. You could see her there ev'ry day shout "Hurray!" when they'd play. Her boyfriend by the name of Joe said, "To Coney Isle, dear, let's go," Then Katie started to fret and pout and to him I heard her shout:

CHORUS:

Katie Casey was sure some fan, she would root just like any man, Told the umpire he was wrong all along, good and strong. When the score was just two to two, Katie Casey knew what to do, Just to cheer up the boys she knew, she made the game sing this song:

CHORUS: