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GOLD COUNTRY STRUMMERS

Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)

Baritone

n.c. **D** **Dsus4** **D** **Em7** **Em**
Starry, starry night Paint your palette blue and gray
G
Look out on a summer's day
A7 **D**
With eyes that know the darkness in my soul

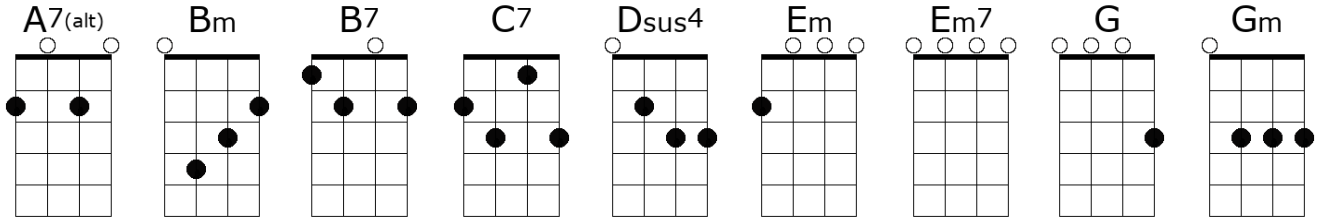
n.c. **D** **Dsus4** **D** **Em7** **Em**
Shadows on the hills Sketch the trees and the daffo - dils
G
Catch the breeze and the winter chills
A7 **D**
In colors on the snowy linen land

Em7 **Em** **A7** **D** **Bm**
Now I under - stand What you tried to say to me
Em7 **Em** **A7** **Bm**
How you suffered for your sanity How you tried to set them free
Em7 **Em** **A7** **D**
They did not listen, They did not know how Perhaps they'll listen now

n.c. **D** **Dsus4** **D** **Em7** **Em**
Starry, starry night Flaming flowers that brightly blaze
G
Swirling clouds in violet haze
A7 **D**
Re-flect in Vincent's eyes of china blue

n.c. **D** **Dsus4** **D** **Em7** **Em**
Colors changing hue Morning fields of amber grain
G
Weathered faces lined in pain
A7 **D**
Are soothed beneath the artist's loving hand

Em7 **Em** **A7** **D** **Bm**
Now I under - stand What you tried to say to me
Em7 **Em** **A7** **Bm**
How you suffered for your sanity How you tried to set them free
Em7 **Em** **A7** **D**
They did not listen, They did not know how Perhaps they'll listen now



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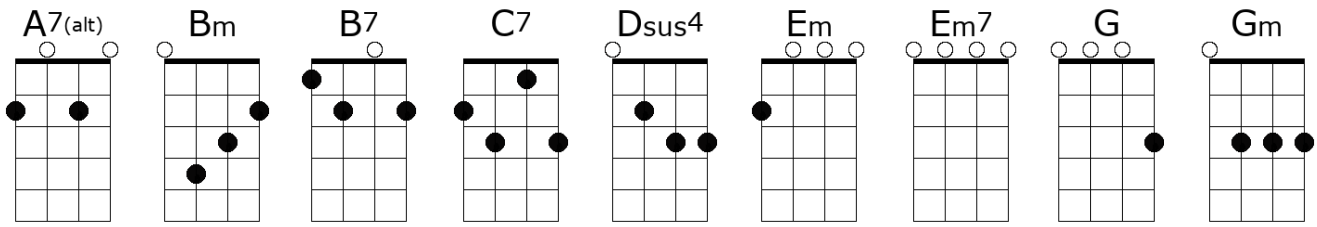
Em7 Em A7 D Bm
For they could not love you But still your love was true
Em ***(sustain)*** **Gm** ***(sustain)***
And when no hope was left in sight On that starry, starry night
D C7 B7 Em
You took your life as lovers often do But I could have told you Vincent
G A7 D Dsus4 D
This world was never meant for one as beautiful as you

n.c. D Dsus4 D Em7 Em
Starry, starry night Portraits hung in empty halls
G
Frame less heads on nameless walls
A7 D
With eyes that watch the world and can't for-get
n.c. D Dsus4 D Em7 Em
Like the strangers that you've met The ragged men in ragged clothes
G
The silver thorn of bloody rose
A7 D
Lie crushed and broken on the virgin snow

Em7 Em A7 D Bm
Now I think I know What you tried to say to me
Em7 Em A7 Bm
How you suffered for your sanity How you tried to set them free
Em7 Em A7 D
They did not listen they're not listening still Perhaps they never will