

# Scarlet Ribbons

As sung by The Cottars with John McDermott

Arrangement by Carolyn McLeod-McCarthy of N3rd Guitar

Intro: **C F C G7**(single strum)

**C F G7 C**  
I peeked in to say goodnight,  
**F G7 F C C**

And I heard my child in prayer.

**C F G7 C**  
"And for me some scarlet ribbons,  
**F G7 F C C F G7 G7**  
Scarlet ribbons for my hair." (single strum)

**C F G7 C**  
All the stores were closed and shuttered,  
**F G7 F C C**  
All the streets were dark and bare.

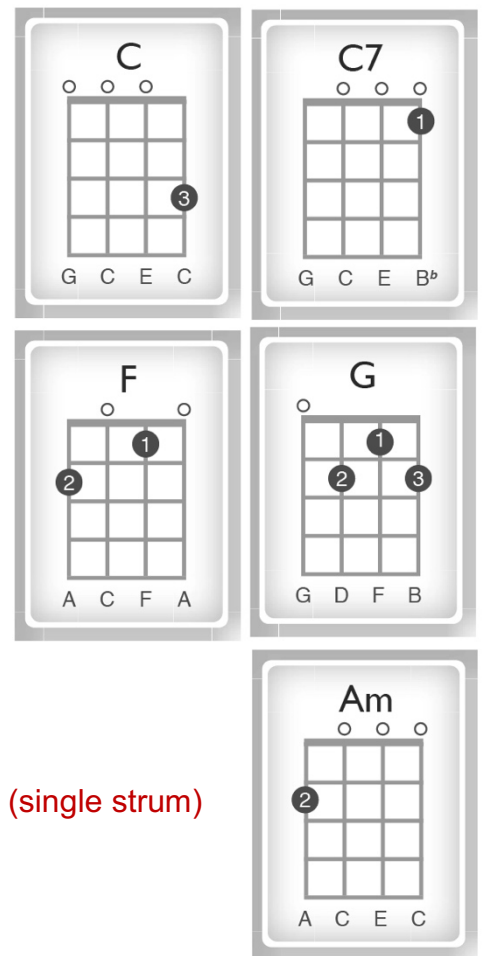
**C F G7 C**  
In our town, no scarlet ribbons,  
**F G7 F C C Am F G7** (single strum)  
Not one ribbon for my hair.

**C G7 C7 F F**(single strum)  
Through the night my heart was aching.  
**Am G7 Am G7 G7**(single strum)  
just before the dawn was breaking,

Strumming pattern:

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Link to YouTube: Scarlet Ribbons -  
The Cottars featuring John  
McDermott (NOT in same key)  
[https://youtu.be/qG\\_Oz7G5tME](https://youtu.be/qG_Oz7G5tME)



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**C F G7 C**

I peeked in and on her bed,

**F G7 F C C**

In gay profusion lying there,

**C F G7 C**

Lovely ribbons, scarlet ribbons.

**F G7 F C C Am F G7**

Scarlet ribbons for my hair.

**C G7 C7 F F** (single strum)

If I should live to be a hundred,

**Am G7 Am G7 G7** (single strum)

I will never know from where,

**C F G7 C**

Came those lovely scarlet ribbons,

**F G7 F C C Am F G7**

Scarlet Ribbons for my hair.

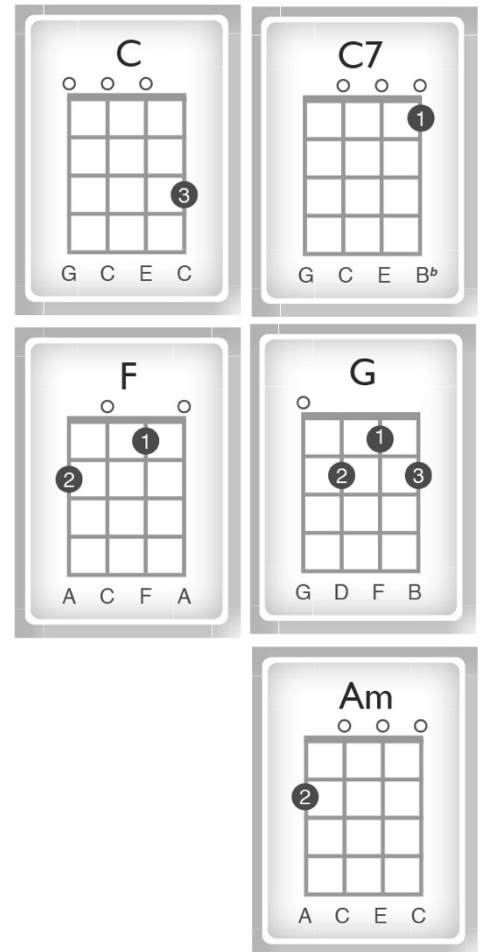
**C F G7 C**

Lovely ribbons, Scarlet ribbons.

**F G7 F G7 C C7 F G7 C** (single rolling strum)

Scarlet ribbons for my hair.

*(Slow down here to end)*



Music written by [Evelyn Danzig](#) and lyrics by [Jack Segal](#).

First released by Jo Stafford in 1949. Other recording artists who released their cover of the song include Harry Belafonte (1952), The Browns (1959), Cliff Richard (1991) to name a few. Bing Crosby, Roy Orbison, Willie Nelson... are also included in the list of 52 artists who have covered this beloved song.