

Tuning: EADGBE

HELLO IN THERE by John Prine

* star means chords are strummed once and let it ring

[Intro]

C Dm	G
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Cmaj7	F
C	G

[Verse 1]

C Dm G
We had an apartment in the city,
C Dm G
Me and Loretta liked living there.
Cmaj7 C F
It'd been years since the kids had grown,
Csus C G
A life of their own and left us alone.
C Dm G
John and Linda live in Omaha,
C Dm G
And Joe is somewhere on the road.
Cmaj7 F
We lost Davy in the Korean war,
Csus C G
And still don't know what for, don't matter anymore.

[Verse 2]

C Dm G
Me and Loretta, we don't talk much more,
C Dm G
She sits and stares through the back door screen.
Cmaj7 C F
And all the news just repeats itself
Csus C G
Like some forgotten dream that we've both seen.
C Dm G
Someday I'll go and call up Rudy,
C Dm G
We worked together at the factory.
Cmaj7 F
But what could I say if asks, "What's new?"
Csus C G
Nothing, what's with you? Nothing much to do.

★ Pin Chords ×

[Chorus 1]

Bb **C**
Ya know old trees just grow stronger,
Bb **C**
And old rivers grow wilder ev'ry day.
Em **F**
Old people just grow lonesome
Csus **G** **C***
Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in there, hello."

[Verse 3]

C **Dm** **G**
So if you're walking down the street sometime
C **Dm** **G**
And spot some hollow ancient eyes,
Cmaj7 **C** **F**
Please don't just pass 'em by and stare
Csus **C** **G** **C***
As if you didn't care, say, "Hello in there, hello."