

**American Girl** - Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers // 1976 // key: D

Intro: | **D** | **D** | **D** | **D** |  
 | **D** | **D** | **D** | **D** | [*Second guitar joins with chords in parens*]  
 | **D** (**D**) | **D** (**E<sup>7</sup>**) | **D** (**G**) | **D** (**A**) |  
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**D** **E<sup>7</sup>**  
 1. Well, she was an American girl  
**G** **A**  
 Raised on promises  
**D** **E<sup>7</sup>**  
 She couldn't help thinkin' that there was a  
**G** **A**  
 little more to life somewhere else

**A** **D**  
*Prechorus:* After all it was a great big world  
**G** **Em**  
 With lots of places to run to  
**A** **A** **A** **A**  
 Yeah, and if she had to die tryin' she had one little promise she was gonna keep

**G** **A** **D** **Bm**  
*Chorus:* O yeah, all right, take it easy, baby, make it last all night  
**G** **A** (**D**)  
 She was an American girl

*Interlude:* | **D** | **D** |

**D** **E<sup>7</sup>**  
 2. Well, it was kinda cold that night  
**G** **A**  
 She stood alone on the balcony  
**D** **E<sup>7</sup>**  
 Yeah, she could hear the cars roll by  
**G** **A**  
 Out on four forty one like waves crashin' on the beach

**A** **D**  
*Prechorus:* And for one desperate moment there  
**G** **Em**  
 He crept back in her memory  
**A** **A** **A** **A**  
 God it's so painful when something that's so close is still so far out of reach

*Chorus:* [*Repeat Chorus*]

*Outro:* | **D** | **D** |

**G\*** **G\*** **G\*** (ahh)	**G\*** **A<sup>7\*</sup>** **A<sup>7\*</sup>** **D\***
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| **D** (**D**) | **D** (**E<sup>7</sup>**) | **D** (**G**) | **D** (**A**) | [*Repeat with cool solo*]