

## Year of the cat

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INTRO: **[Cmaj7]** **[D]** **[Em]** (three times) then **[Am7][D7]**

On a **[Cmaj7]** morning from a **[Bm]** Bogart **[Em]** movie  
 in a **[Cmaj7]** country where they **[Bm]** turned back **[Em]** time  
 you go **[Cmaj7]** strolling through the **[Bm]** crowd like **[Em]**  
 Peter Lorre contempl**[Am7]**ating a crime. **[D7]**  
 She comes **[Cmaj7]** out of the **[Bm]** sun in a silk **[Em]** dress  
 running like a **[B]** water color in the **[C]** rain.  
 Don't bother **[B]** asking for **[Em]** explanations.  
 She'll just **[Am7]** tell you that she came  
**[D]** in the Year of the Cat.

INSTRUMENTAL: (repeat INTRO chords)

She **[Cmaj7]** doesn't give you **[Bm]** time for ques**[Em]**tions  
 as she **[Cmaj7]** locks up you **[Bm]** arm in hers. **[Em]**  
 And you **[Cmaj7]** follow 'til your **[Bm]** sense of **[Em]**  
 which direction **[Am7]** completely disappears. **[D7]**  
 By the **[Cmaj7]** blue-tiled **[Bm]** walls near the **[Em]** market stalls  
 there's a **[B]** hidden door she leads you **[C]** to.  
 "These days," she **[B]** says, "I **[Em]** feel my life just  
 like a **[Am7]** river running through  
**[D]** the Year of the Cat."

INSTRUMENTAL: (repeat INTRO chords)

**[D7]** Well she **[B]** looks at you so **[C]** coolly  
 and her **[G]** eyes shine like the **[D]** moon in the sea.  
 She comes in **[B]** incense and **[C]** pathchouli  
 so you **[G]** take her to **[F]** find what's  
**[C/E]** waiting inside **[D]** the Year of the Cat.

INSTRUMENTAL: (repeat INTRO chords a few times)

Well **[Cmaj7]** morning comes and **[Bm]** you're still with **[Em]** her  
 and the **[Cmaj7]** bus and the **[Bm]** tourists are **[Em]** gone.

And you've [Cmaj7]thrown away your [Bm]choice and[Em]  
lost your ticket so you [Am7]have to stay on.[D7]  
But the [Cmaj7]drumbeat strains[Bm] of the night[Em]  
remain in the [B]rhythm of the newborn [C]day.  
You know [B]sometime you're[Em] bound to leave her  
but for [Am7]now you're gonna stay[D]in the Year of the Cat.

[C] [D6] [Em] [D6]