

You're Only Lonely ©1979 J.D. Souther

Verse 1

C Am
When the world is ready to fall, on your
little shoulders

F
And when you're feeling lonely and
small, You need somebody there to

C Am F G7
hold you, You can call out my name,

C Am
When you're only lonely. Now, don't
F G7
you ever be ashamed.

You're only lonely

C Am F G7

Verse 2

C Am
When you need somebody around, on
the nights that try you, (Remember)

F
I was there when you were a queen,

C
And I'll be the last one there beside
Am F G7
you, So you can call out my name.

C Am
When you're only lonely. Now, don't
F G7

you ever be ashamed,

C Am F G7

You're only lonely

Chorus - BV (2 bars each chord)

You're only lonely (x3)

Ooooooh

Repeat Verse 3

When the world is ready to fall on your
little shoulders

And when you're feeling lonely and
small

You need somebody there to hold you
So don't you ever be ashamed, when
you're only lonely

Ah, you can call out my name... when
you're only lonely

Outro (the two bars of each chord thing)

When you're only lonely

(You're only lonely)

Ooh, it's no crime... darling, we've got
lots of time, woah ooh ohh

(You're only lonely)

Woaaah oh

(You're only lonely)

Ah, there's nothing wrong with you
Darling, I get lonely, too

(You're only lonely)

(You're only lonely)

So if you need me, all you gotta do is
call me

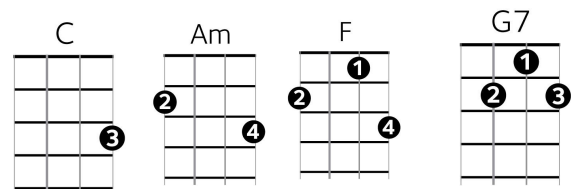
You're only lo-o-o-o-oney

(You're only lonely)

(You're only lonely)

(You're only lonely)

This song is a classic I-vi-IV-V - ice-cream chords. Or maybe you prefer 'doo-wop'. Think of all the songs that do this! We'll do it in C, unless we change our minds - so the chords are C, Am, F, G7.



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