

# Bye Bye Love

Words and music by Felice and Boudleaux Bryant, from *The Everly Brothers*



"Bye Bye Love" was the first single released by the Everly Brothers, and it was the tune that put them on the map. In 1957, the song reached the Top Five on three different Billboard charts: the Pop Singles, Country Singles, and Black Singles.

The Everly Brothers played "Bye Bye Love" in open-G tuning (D G D G B D) with a capo on the second fret. Try strumming an eighth-note

pattern throughout, accenting the backbeat (beats two and four). Notice how the rhythm guitar occasionally passes from G to G7 on the way to C. The lead guitar plays an intro barre-chord riff, shown below, and accents the song throughout with barre-chord strums between vocal phrases.

Tuning: Ḍ G̣ Ḍ G̣ Ḅ Ḍ, Capo II

## Chords



**Intro Riff**

Swing (♩ = 174) 12 fr.

Chords: G, G, B $\flat$ , C, G

\*Strum: ♩ V ♩ V ♩ V ♩ V ♩ V ♩ V

12 0 3 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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\*♩ = down; V = up

## Chorus

C/G G C/G G G7  
Bye bye love, bye bye happiness

C/G G D7 G G7  
Hello loneliness, I think I'm a-gonna cry

C/G G C/G G G7  
Bye bye love, bye bye sweet caress

C/G G D7 G  
Hello emptiness, I feel like I could die

D7 G  
Bye bye, my love, goodbye

- There goes my baby with someone new  
She sure looks happy, I sure am blue  
She was my baby till he stepped in  
Goodbye to romance that might have been

## Repeat Chorus

- I'm a-through with romance, I'm a-through with love  
I'm through with a-counting the stars above  
And here's the reason that I'm so free  
My loving baby is a-through with me

## Repeat Chorus

- D7 G  
Bye bye, my love, goodbye
- D7 G  
Bye bye, my love, goodbye
- D7 G  
Bye bye, my love, goodbye