Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?

Words & Music: Edgar "Yip" Harburg & Jay Gorney

These notes are from the unknown transcriber of this tune: "[This song is] from the third (1932) edition of the hit Broadway revue "Americana". Edgar "Yip" Harburg (1898-1981) was a former electrician made bankrupt during the Depression. Jay Gorney (1896-1990) was a Russian-born American composer, author and Hollywood film-producer." I need the chords to the intro!

INTRO:

They used to tell me I was building a dream, and so I followed the mob. When there was earth to plow, or guns to bear, I was always there right on the job. They used to tell me I was building a dream, with peace and glory ahead. Why should I be standing in line, just waiting for bread?

Cm Cm F Bb7 Eb7 G7 G7 Once I built a railroad, I made it run, made it race against time. Cm Ab7 Fm Fm G7 G Cm Once I built a railroad, now it's done. Brother, can you spare a dime? Once I built a tower up to the sun, brick and rivet and lime. Once I built a tower, now it's done. Brother, can you spare a dime?

C7 Once in khaki suits, gee, we looked swell! Full of that Yankee-Doodly-dum. F7 Cm7 D7 G7 Half a million boots went sloggin' through Hell and I was the kid with the drum. C7 F7 Bb7 Eb7 G7 Cm G7 Say, don't you remember? They called me "Al". It was "Al" all the time. Fm G7 Cm Ab7 Fm7 G7 Cm Say don't you remember? I'm your pal. Say, buddy, can you spare a dime?

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