If I Only Had a Brain - in C

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C   Dm   G7   F   E7   Am   D

*Riff
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A-0
E---3-0
C-------2-0
G----------2-0-
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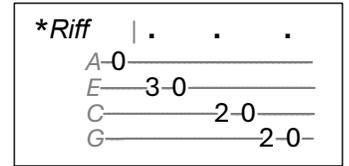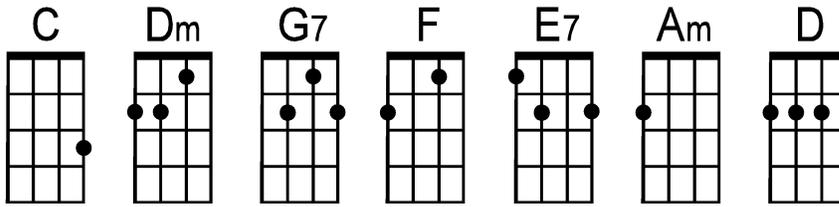
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    .    |C      .     .     .   |Dm      .      .      .
I could  while a-way the hours    con-ferrin' with the flowers
    |C       .     .    .  |  .    .
Con-sultin' with the rain—— [*Riff----------- ]
    .    |Dm      .     .      .    |G7       .      .
And my  head  I'd be scratchin' while my  thoughts were busy   hatchin'
.  |C    .     .    .  | .    .    .
If I  only had a brain——
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   .   |C     .    .    .  |Dm   .    .    .   |C    .    .   .  | .   .   .
I'd un-ravel any riddle   for any  indi-vid'le  in trouble or in  pain——
   .     |Dm     .    .     .  |G7    .    .
With the thoughts I'd be thinkin' I could  be an-other  Lincoln
.  |C    .    .    .  | .    .    .
If I  only had a brain——
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           .   |F     .      .        .      |C    .    .    .
Chorus:  Oh, I————         would tell you  why——
              |Dm    .    G7    .   |C    .    .
         The  o——cean's near  the  shore———
           .     |Dm      .     E7     .     |Am    .    .
         I could  think of things I  never thunk be-fore———
               .      |D\   ---    ---     ---    |G7    .    .
         And then I'd  sit             and think some  more——
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   .     |C      .     .     .    |Dm      .      .      .
I would  not be  just a  nuffin',   my head all full of  stuffin'
   |C       .     .    .  | .    .    .
My heart all full of  pain—— [*Riff----------- ]
   .     |Dm      .     .      .    |G7    .      .
I would  dance  and be merry, life would  be a  ding-a-derry
.  |C    .     .    .  | .    .    .
If I  only had a brain——
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Instr: . |**C** . . . |**Dm** . . . |**C** . . . | . . .

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A ------------------------------------------------------0------------------
E -0-1-3-0------0-------0----------------------------------3-0-------------
C --------0-2----0-2------0-----0------------------------------2-0---------
G --------------------------2-4---2-2-0-2-0-0-0------------------2-0-------
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. |**Dm** . . . |**G7** . . . |**C** . . . | . . .

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A ---------0------------------2-0-----------------------------------------
E --------3-1-0-------------3-1-0--------------------------------------
C -0--------------2-0----------------2-0-0-0-2-0----------------------
G --4-2----------------4-4--------------------------------------------
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. |**F** . . . |**C** . . .

Chorus: Oh, I——— would tell you why———

|**Dm** . **G7** . |**C** . .

The o——cean's near the shore———

. |**Dm** . **E7** . |**Am** . .

I could think of things I never thunk be-fore———

. |**D** --- --- --- |**G7** . .

And then I'd sit and think some more———

. |**C** . . . |**Dm** . . .

Gosh it would be awful pleasin'   to reason out the reason

|**C** . . . | . . .

Of things I can't ex-plain————

. |**Dm** . . . |**G7** . .

Then per-haps I'll de-serve ya, even be worthy erv ya

. |**C** . . . | . **G7** **C**

If I only had a brain————