

In 1944 bandleaders Duke Ellington and Harry James collaborated with alto saxophonist Johnny Hodge to develop his melody into the hit song "I'm Beginning to See the Light" with a lyric by Don George. The song spent several weeks on Your Hit Parade and **I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT** charted three times in 1945 with James' version leading the pack. Vocalist Joya Sherrill, who was only seventeen, had just joined the Ellington band when they recorded this tune

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**MEDIUM 80s**

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. Above each staff are guitar chord diagrams with fingerings. The lyrics are written below the notes.

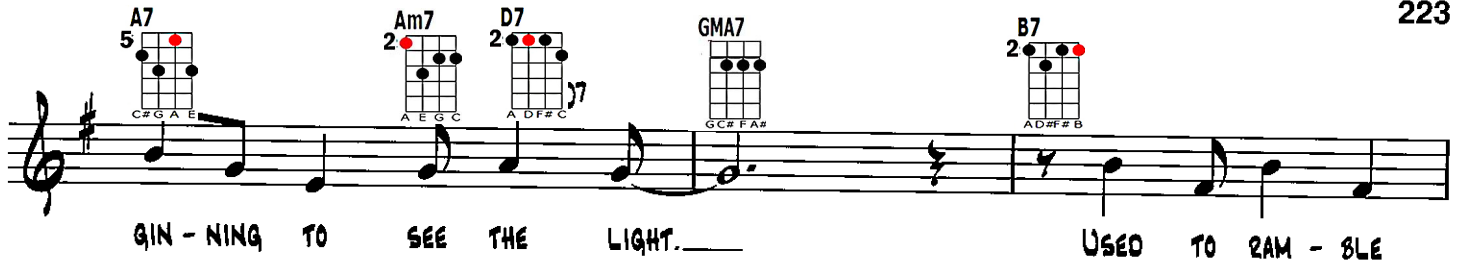
**Staff 1:** Chords: G6 (B E G D), D#7 (A D# G C#), D7 (A D F# C), Em7 (B E G D), A9 (A C# E G), A7b9 (A# E G C#).  
 Lyrics: NEV - ER CARED MUCH FOR MOON - LIT SKIES, —

**Staff 2:** Chords: D7sus (A D F# C), D7 (A D F# C), G6 (B E G D), D#7 (A D# G C#), D7 (A D F# C), GMA7 (G C# F A#).  
 Lyrics: NEV - ER WINK BACK AT FIRE - FLIES, — BUT NOW THAT THE STARS ARE

**Staff 3:** Chords: D#7 (A D# G C#), D7 (A D F# C), A#m7 (G C# F A#), D#7 (A D# G C#), GMA7 (G C# F A#), C7 (A# E G C), D7 (A D F# C).  
 Lyrics: IN YOUR EYES, — I'M BE - GIN - NING TO SEE THE LIGHT. —

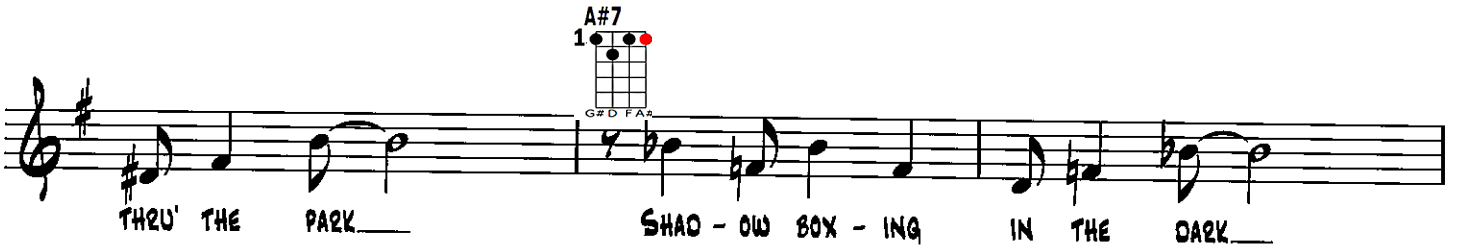
**Staff 4:** Chords: GMA7 (G C# F A#), D#7 (A D# G C#), D7 (A D F# C), GMA7 (G C# F A#), G6 (B E G D), D#7 (A D# G C#), D7 (A D F# C).  
 Lyrics: NEV - ER WENT IN FOR AF - TER GLOW, — OR CAN - DLE - LIGHT ON THE

**Staff 5:** Chords: A#m7 (G C# F A#), D#7 (A D# G C#), GMA7 (G C# F A#), C7 (A# E G C), D7 (A D F# C), Bm7 (A D F# B), Dm (A F A D), E7 (B E G# D).  
 Lyrics: MIS - TLE - TOE, — BUT NOW WHEN YOU TURN THE LAMP DOWN LOW — I'M BE -



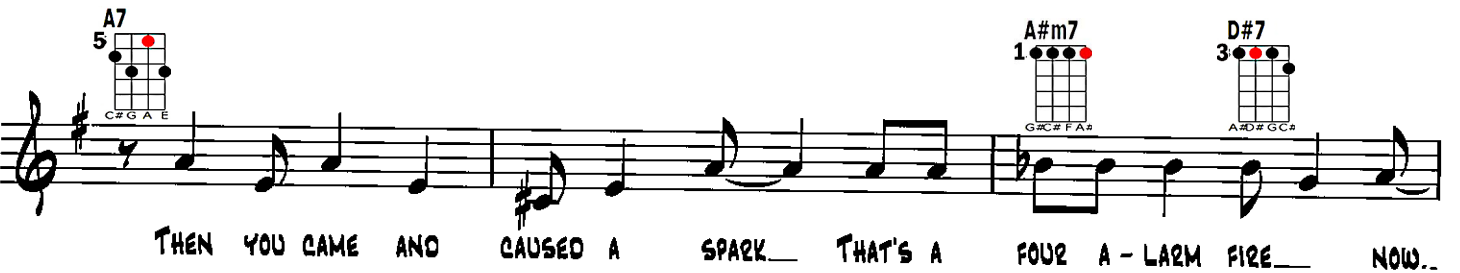
A7 (5) Am7 (2) D7 (2) GMA7 B7 (2)

GIN - NING TO SEE THE LIGHT. USED TO RAM - BLE



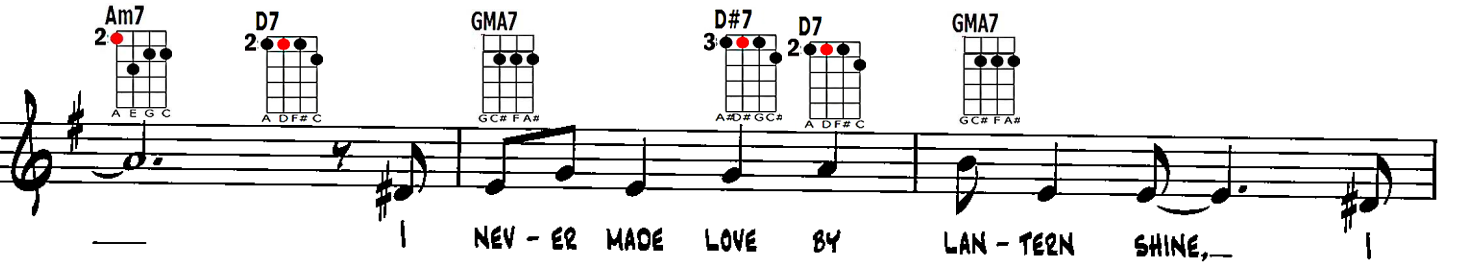
A#7 (1)

THRU' THE PARK SHAO - OW BOX - ING IN THE DARK



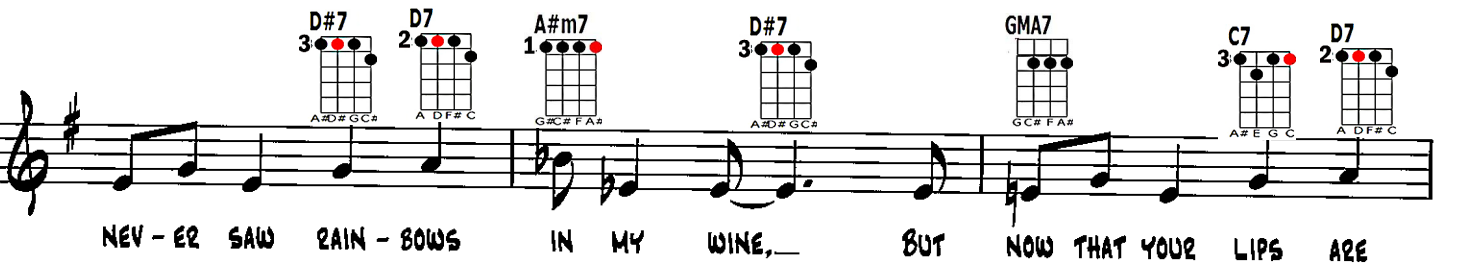
A7 (5) A#m7 (1) D#7 (3)

THEN YOU CAME AND CAUSED A SPARK THAT'S A FOUR A - LARM FIRE NOW..



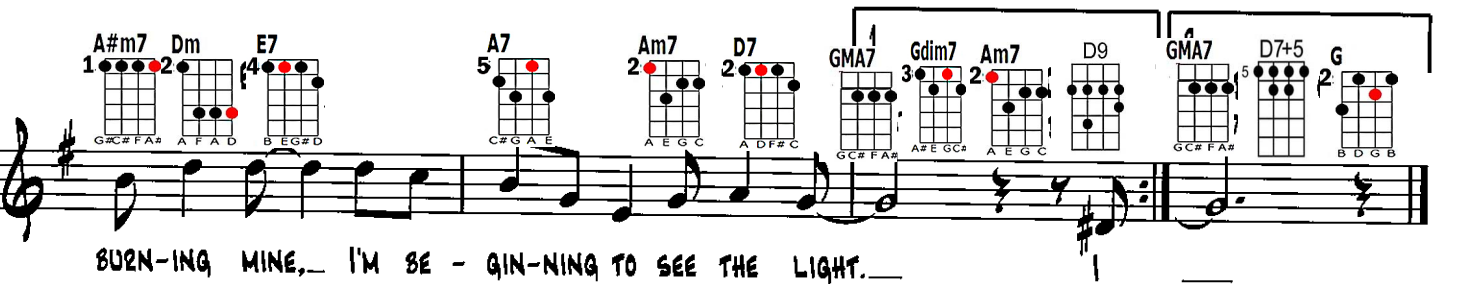
Am7 (2) D7 (2) GMA7 D#7 (3) D7 (2) GMA7

NEV - ER MADE LOVE BY LAN - TERN SHINE,



D#7 (3) D7 (2) A#m7 (1) D#7 (3) GMA7 C7 (3) D7 (2)

NEV - ER SAW RAIN - BOWS IN MY WINE, BUT NOW THAT YOUR LIPS ARE



A#m7 (1) Dm (2) E7 (4) A7 (5) Am7 (2) D7 (2) GMA7 (1) Gdim7 (3) Am7 (2) D9 GMA7 (1) D7+5 (5) G (2)

BURN - ING MINE, I'M BE - GIN - NING TO SEE THE LIGHT.