# I'm A Believer (Neil Diamond, 1979) (C)

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2/2 Time

### <mark>Intro</mark>

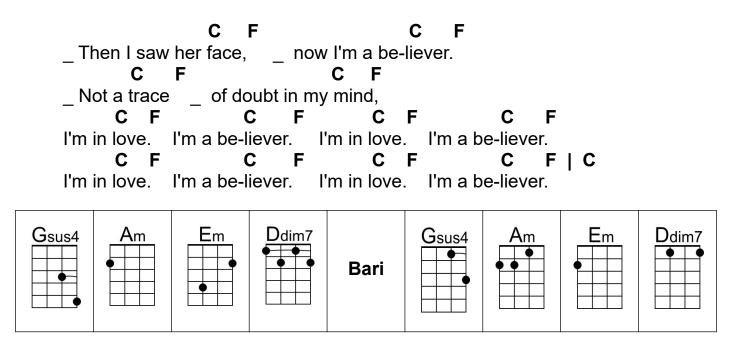
C...F | ....Gsus4 | C....A |....Gsus4 |

С Am G | Am I thought love was only true in fairy tales, С CIC G Meant for someone else, but not for me. С Em G | Em Paperhouse that's made to stand with paper nails, С G C | C Is all I thought that love could ever be. F Cmaj7 Am F G С What's the use in tryin', \_ all you get is pain. F#dim7 Cmaj7 Am **G | G** | F When I needed sunshine I got rain.

## <mark>Chorus</mark>

F C F С Then I saw her face, \_\_\_\_ now I'm a be-liever. F С F С \_Not a trace \_\_ of doubt in my mind, С F С **A#** G I'm in love, and I'm a be-liever, I couldn't leave her if I tried. E...A |....B | E...A | ....B | Not if I tried.

С Am G I Am Thought that love was more or less a givin' thing, С C | C G Seems the more I gave, the less I got. С Em I Em G Like a flow'r that grows, love's like a livin' thing, С G **C | C** Livin' things don't like to be for-got. F Cmaj7 Am F G С Love was out to get me, that's the way it seemed. F Cmaj7 Am F#dim7 G | G | Disap-pointment haunted all my dreams.



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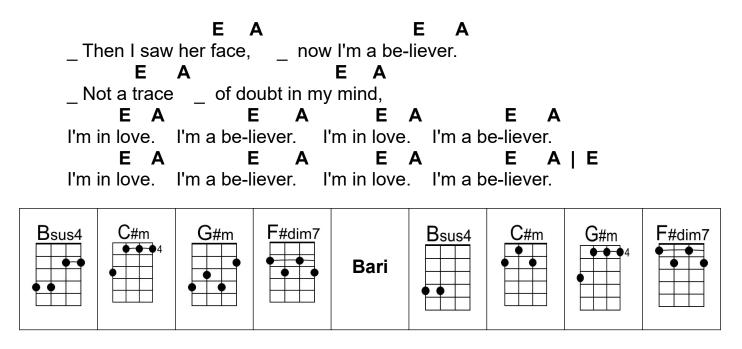
E…A | … Bsus4 | E…A |… Bsus4 |

Ε C#m | C#m В I thought love was only true in fairy tales, Ε B EIE Meant for someone else, but not for me. Ε G#m Β | G#m Paperhouse that's made to stand with paper nails, E Β E | E Is all I thought that love could ever be. Emaj7 C#m A Ε Α В What's the use in tryin', \_ all you get is pain. Emaj7 C#m Bbdim7 **B | B** ] Α When I needed sunshine I got rain.

## <mark>Chorus</mark>

Ε E A Α \_ Then I saw her face, \_ now I'm a be-liever. E Α E Α \_Not a trace \_ of doubt in my mind, E Ε Α D **B** | **B** | I'm in love, and I'm a be-liever, I couldn't leave her if I tried. E...A |....B | E...A | ....B | Not if I tried.

Ε Β C#m | C#m Thought that love was more or less a givin' thing, Ε E | E В Seems the more I gave, the less I got. Ε G#m | G#m В Like a flow'r that grows, love's like a livin' thing, Ε Β E | E Livin' things don't like to be for-got. Α Emaj7 C#m Β Ε Α Love was out to get me, that's the way it seemed. Α Emai7 C#m Bbdim7 Β I B ⊥ Disap-pointment haunted all my dreams.



#### Notes

Written by Neil Diamond in 1966 while he was a contract songwriter for Aldon Music in New York's Brill Building, it was first recorded by the Monkees whose version had an advance order of 1,051,280 copies and went gold within two days of release. This was a #1 hit, was sung by Micky Dolenz, and later appeared on the second Monkees album, "More of the Monkees."

The contract with Don Kirshner allowed Diamond to record the song as well; he released the first version on his 1967 album "Just For You." He recorded a slightly different version for the album "September Morn" (1979).

Diamond performed and recorded mostly in E (including both  $\underline{1967} \& \underline{1979}$  versions), but performed in the key of F several times including:

- I<u>m A Believer</u> from "Hot August Night III Live at the Greek Theatre," 2012 (F @ 156)
- <u>I'm A Believer</u> from "Dreams" (F @ 140) [a slow version]
- <u>I'm A Believer</u> from "Classic Diamonds" (F @ 140) [a slow version]

He also performed the song in the key of G:

• <u>I'm A Believer</u> from "Live In America (Live at the Delta Center)," 1993 (G @ 160)

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#### <mark>Intro</mark>

G...C | ....Dsus4 | G....A |....Dsus4 |

G I Em Em D I thought love was only true in fairy tales, G | G G Meant for someone else, but not for me. G Bm D | Bm Paperhouse that's made to stand with paper nails, G D **G** | **G** Is all I thought that love could ever be. С Gmaj7 Em C D G What's the use in tryin', \_ all you get is pain. Gmaj7 Em C#dim7 DIDL С When I needed sunshine I got rain.

## <mark>Chorus</mark>

G C С G Then I saw her face, \_\_\_\_ now I'm a be-liever. С G С G Not a trace of doubt in my mind, G С G F **D** | **D** ↓ I'm in love, and I'm a be-liever, I couldn't leave her if I tried. E...A |....B | E...A | ....B | Not if I tried.

G Em I Em D Thought that love was more or less a givin' thing, G **G** | **G** D Seems the more I gave, the less I got. G Bm | Bm D Like a flow'r that grows, love's like a livin' thing, G D **G** | **G** Livin' things don't like to be for-got. С Gmaj7 Em С D G Love was out to get me, that's the way it seemed. Gmaj7 С Em C#dim7 D | D | Disap-pointment haunted all my dreams.

