

CLEMENTINE (A FATHER'S LAMENT)
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CHART VERSION A: With CAPO II, played in key of A for sounding key of B

Intro: A2

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| A2 | F#m | G2 | A2 |
| In a cavern, | in a canyon, | excavating | for a mine, |
| D2/F# | E2/G# | A2 | Bm+4 Esus A2 |
| lived a miner, | a forty-niner | and his daughter | Clementine |
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| Bm+4 Esus | A2 A2/G# | D2/F# E2/G# | A2 |
| Light she was, | just like a fairy, | and her age | was only nine, |
| G | F#m | C G/B | A2 |
| And she would play | amidst the flowers | as he toiled down | in the mine |
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| F#m | G2 | F#m | G2 |
| He lost her mother | to a fever, | a baby brother | went in kind, |
| Bm+4 Esus | A2 | A2/G# Bm+4 Esus | A2 |
| Now he seeks | a promised fortune | for his only | Clementine |
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| Bm11 | C2 | Bm11 | C2 |
| In the evening, | by her bedside | he would tell | her of his find |
| Bm+4 | Bm+4/A G | D/F# Esus | A2 |
| And the promise | of her future | hidden deep | within the mine |
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| A2 | F#m | G2 | A2 |
| They would live in | San Francisco | in a home | so rich and fine |
| D2/F# | E2/G# | A2 | Bm+4 Esus A2 |
| And every boy | in San Francisco | would carry flowers | to Clementine |
| Bm+4 Esus | A2 | D2/F# E2/G# | A2 |
| In the night | as she lay sleeping, | he would often | fret and pine |
| G | F#m | C G/B | A2 |
| O'er the hardship they would suffer | for the promise | of the mine | |
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| Bm11 | C2 | Bm11 | C2 |
| He could hear her softly | breathing, | and he would find | some peace of mind |
| Bm+4 Bm+4/A | G | D/F# Esus | A2 |
| As he whispered | his solemn promise | to his sleeping | Clementine |
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| A2 | F#m | G2 | Esus |
| <i>Oh my darling, oh my darling, oh my darling Clementine,</i> | | | |
| D2/F# | E2/G# | A2 | Bm+4 Esus A2 |
| <i>I'll forever hold you near me, don't you worry, Clementine</i> | | | |

A2 F#m G2 A2
And when the sun broke o'er the canyon he awoke his Clementine

D2/F# E2/G# A2 Bm+4 Esus A2
And assigned her simple duties just to occupy her time
F#m G2 F#m G2

For the world is full of mischief for a girl who's only nine

Bm+4 Esus A2 A2/G# Bm+4 Esus A2
And he knew he couldn't be there to keep his promise to Clementine

Bm+4 Esus A2 D2/F# E2/G# A2
She took the mule down to the river just as she had been assigned

G2 F#m C G/B A2
And went in search of shiny pebbles on the banks below the mine

Bm11 C2 Bm11 C2
It was there she lost her footing and fell into the brine

Bm+4 Bm+4/A G D/F# Esus A2
And the promise of the canyon took the precious Clementine

A2 F#m G2 A2
In a cavern, in a canyon, near an old abandoned mine

D2/F# E2/G# A2 Bm+4 Esus A2
Stands a miner, an old timer in a field of blooming vine

Bm+4 Esus A2 D2/F# E2/G# A2
He has planted pretty flowers all around that wretched mine

G F#m C G/B A2
To remind him every hour of his precious Clementine

Bm11 C2 Bm11 C2
On a rock he breaks a shovel and he throws it down the mine

Bm+4 Bm+4/A G D/F# Esus A2
And repeats his solemn promise to a sleeping Clementine

A2 F#m G2 Esus
Oh my darling, oh my darling, oh my darling Clementine,

D2/F# E2/G# A2 Bm+4 Esus A2 A2/G#
I'll forever hold you near me, don't you worry, Clementine

D2/F# E2/G# A2 G2
I'll forever hold you near me, don't you worry

A2
Clementine