

CLEMENTINE (A FATHER'S LAMENT)
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CHART VERSION B: Chart for instrument WITHOUT capo – this is the sounding key

Intro: B2

B2 G#m A2 B2
 In a cavern, in a canyon, excavating for a mine,
 E2/G# F#2/A# B2 C#m+4 F#sus B2
 lived a miner, a forty-niner and his daughter Clementine

C#m+4 F#sus B2 B2/A# E2/G# F#2/A# B2
 Light she was, just like a fairy, and her age was only nine,
 A G#m D A/C# B2
 And she would play amidst the flowers as he toiled down in the mine

G#m A2 G#m A2
 He lost her mother to a fever, a baby brother went in kind,
 C#m+4 F#sus B2 B2/A# C#m+4 F#sus B2
 Now he seeks a promised fortune for his only Clementine

C#m11 D2 C#m11 D2
 In the evening, by her bedside he would tell her of his find
 C#m+4 C#m+4/B A E/G# F#sus B2
 And the promise of her future hidden deep within the mine

B2 G#m A2 B2
 They would live in San Francisco in a home so rich and fine
 E2/G# F#2/A# B2 C#m+4 F#sus B2
 And every boy in San Francisco would carry flowers to Clementine
 C#m+4 F#sus B2 E2/G# F#2/A# B2
 In the night as she lay sleeping, he would often fret and pine
 A G#m D A/C# B2
 O'er the hardship they would suffer for the promise of the mine

C#m11 D2 C#m11 D2
 He could hear her softly breathing, and he would find some peace of mind
 C#m+4 C#m+4/B A E/G# F#sus B2
 As he whispered his solemn promise to his sleeping Clementine

B2 G#m A2 F#sus
Oh my darling, oh my darling, oh my darling Clementine,
 E2/G# F#2/A# B2 C#m+4 F#sus B2
I'll forever hold you near me, don't you worry, Clementine

B2 G#m A2 B2
And when the sun broke o'er the canyon he awoke his Clementine

E2/G# F#2/A# B2 C#m+4 F#sus B2
And assigned her simple duties just to occupy her time

G#m A2 G#m A2
For the world is full of mischief for a girl who's only nine

C#m+4 F#sus B2 B2/G# C#m+4 F#sus B2
And he knew he couldn't be there to keep his promise to Clementine

C#m+4 F#sus B2 E2/G# F#2/A# B2
She took the mule down to the river just as she had been assigned

A2 G#m D A/C# B2
And went in search of shiny pebbles on the banks below the mine

C#m11 D2 C#m11 D2
It was there she lost her footing and fell into the brine

C#m+4 C#m+4/B A E/G# F#sus B2
And the promise of the canyon took the precious Clementine

B2 G#m A2 B2
In a cavern, in a canyon, near an old abandoned mine

E2/G# F#2/A# B2 C#m+4 F#sus B2
Stands a miner, an old timer in a field of blooming vine

C#m+4 F#sus B2 E2/G# F#2/A# B2
He has planted pretty flowers all around that wretched mine

A G#m D A/C# B2
To remind him every hour of his precious Clementine

C#m11 D2 C#m11 D2
On a rock he breaks a shovel and he throws it down the mine

C#m+4 C#m+4/B A E/G# F#sus B2
And repeats his solemn promise to a sleeping Clementine

B2 G#m A2 F#sus
Oh my darling, oh my darling, oh my darling Clementine,

E2/G# F#2/A# B2 C#m+4 F#sus B2 B2/G#
I'll forever hold you near me, don't you worry, Clementine

E2/G# F#2/A# B2 A2
I'll forever hold you near me, don't you worry

B2
Clementine