

SPEED OF THE SOUND OF LONELINESS (John Prine)

[Nanci Griffith's version is actually in C, with
a capo on the 5th fret.]

[Each chord is one 2/2 measure]

G G C C D D G G
[intro]

G G C C
You come home late and you come home early
D D G G
You come on big when you're feeling small
G G C C
You come home straight and you come home curly
D D G G
Sometimes you don't come home at all

G G C C
So what in the world's come over you
D D G G
And what in heaven's name have I done
G G C C
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness
D D G G
You're out there running just to be on the run

Well I got a heart that burns with a fever
And I got a worried and a jealous mind
How can a love that'll last forever
Get left so far behind

So what in the world's come over you
And what in heaven's name have I done
You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness
You're out there running just to be on the run

[Instrumental, same chords as one verse]

It's a mighty mean and a dreadful sorrow
It's crossed the evil line today (?)
How can you ask about tomorrow
When we ain't got one word to say

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D D G C D G.
You're out there running just to be on the run

Allen Mills
"That's what
country folks do."
Love of the Altus

"There is a time"
The Dillard

Em G Em G
Em C D Em