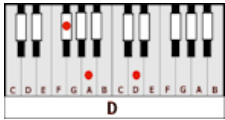


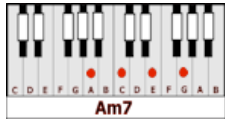
THE JOKE – Brandi Carlile (D)

GUITAR / KEYBOARD CHORDS:

D = xxo232



Am7 = xo2o1o



G = 320003



Gm = 355333



F# = xx4322



INTRO: D - Am7 - G - D

D You're feeling nervous, aren't you, boy?...with your quiet voice...and impeccable style
D Don't ever let them steal your joy...and your gentle ways...to keep 'em from running wild
D (enter bass and violin)
Am7 They can kick dirt in your face
Am7 Dress you down and tell you that your place is in the middle...
D When they hate the way you shine
D I see you tugging on your shirt...trying to hide inside of it...and hide how much it hurts

(everyone)

CHORUS: Let 'em laugh while they can
 Let 'em spin...let 'em scatter in..the wind
 I have been to the movies, I've seen how it ends
 And the joke's on them

REPEAT INTRO: D - Am7 - G - D

D You get discouraged, don't you, girl?...it's your brother's world...for a while longer
D We gotta dance with the devil on a river to beat the stream
G Call it living the dream...call it kicking the ladder
D They come to kick dirt in your face...to call you weak and then displace you
G After carrying your baby on your back across the desert
D I saw your eyes behind your hair...and you're looking tired...but you don't look scared

REPEAT CHORUS

BREAK: D Am7 G D

ENDING CHORUS: Let 'em laugh while they can
Let 'em spin...let 'em scatter in the wind
I have been to the movies, I've seen how it ends
And the joke's on.....(SUSTAIN!)

D - Am7 - G - Gm
them

D Am7 G D

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(quietly) D Am7 G (hold briefly and end on a single) D