

Letter to a Pretty Girl

The Avett Brothers

Open (Key of G). X = chicka-chicka. (f f#) = walk up bass notes to chord. Harmony

Intro

X

Verse 1

G **C** **D7** **G**
Hey, hey Carla, it's a long way to Missouri
B7 **Em** **A7** **D7**
from this highway east of Roanoke
G **C** **D7** **G**
We had a moment that felt like summer
B7 **Em** **A7** **D7**
Now in slumber I can see your smile
G **C** **D7** **G**
We drive for miles through corporate Ohio
B7 **Em** **A7** **D7**
rest stops in West Virginia, traffic in Washington D.C.
G
But of all the scenes that I've seen
F **C**
played out this window to the left of me---
Cm
the thought of you it shines---
G **C** **D7** **G**
The band plays on, I keep the time

Interlude

[G] G/F# | Em F (f f#) | G G/F# | Em F (f f#)

Verse 2

G **C** **D7** **G**
We play in the night time, awake before sunrise
B7 **Em** **A7** **D7**
Wipe the sleep from my eyes, coffee my best friend
G **C** **D7** **G**
You dance between classes, complete difficult assignments
B7 **Em** **A7** **D7**
Wonder where the time went, out drinking with your friends
G **C** **D7** **G**
We see a lot of beauty, some becomes ordinary
B7 **Em** **A7** **D7**
mountains, and canyons, and prairies, sunset over Chesapeake Bay
G **C** **D7** **G**
Dear, dear Carla, it's only that I'm askin'
B7 **Em** **A7** **D7**
Make the time more easy for the passin' if I knew I would see you again
G
'cause of all the beauty that I see
F **C**
out this window to the left of me
Cm
the thought of you it shines----
G **C** **D7** **G**
The band plays on, I keep the time
C **D7** **G**
Time is marked, between the lines
C **D7** **G**
Hmmm---- I keep the time

Outro

[G] G/F# | Em F (f f#) | G G/F# | Em F (f f#) | G