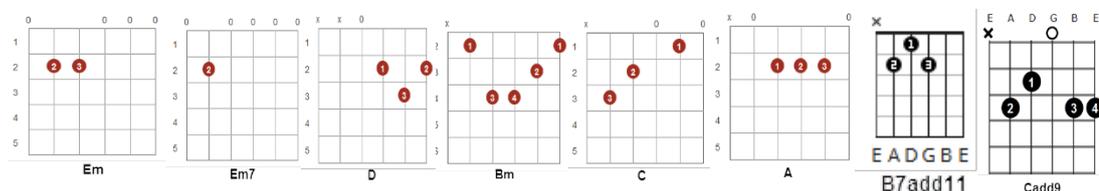


# Ballad Of Cursed Anna

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Chords:



[Intro] **Em & Em7**

[Verse]

**[Em]** As I was walking **[D]** homeward in the **[Bm]** early morning **[Em]** light **[Em7]**  
**[Em]** Leaving far **[Em7]** be...**[Em]**hind the prison **[D]** where I'd spent the **[Bm]** night  
**[Em]** With no idea **[Em7]** of **[Em]** what I'd done or **[D]** why they'd punished **[Bm]** me  
**[Em]** But feeling none the **[C]** less relieved and **[Bm]** grateful to be **[Em]** free **[Em7]**.

**[Em]** My path led to a **[D]** woodland far **[Bm]** behind a rusted **[Em]** gate **[Em7]**  
**[Em]** I knew it was **[Em7]** a **[Em]** short cut if I **[D]** kept my walking **[Bm]** straight  
**[Em]** But then like **[Em7]** out of **[Em]** nowhere this old **[D]** wizened man **[Bm]** appeared  
**[Em]** Holding high his **[C]** one hand while the **[Bm]** other stroked his **[Em]** beard **[Em7]**

[Chorus]

**[C]** Beware the cursed Anna's **[Em]** stare, this **[A]** warning did he **[D]** bring **[B7add11]**  
**[Em]** For no-one **[G]** makes it **[Am]** through this **[F]** wood,  
coming **[Em]** out as **[D]** they went **[Cadd9]** in

[Verse]

**[Em]** But a change is what I'm **[D]** looking for I **[Bm]** told the sad old **[Em]** man **[Em7]**  
**[Em]** And bidding him **[Em7]** a **[Em]** last farewell in..**[D]**to the wood I **[Bm]** ran  
**[Em]** Soon I came to **[Em7]** a **[Em]** river where I **[D]** stopped to bathe my **[Bm]** feet  
**[Em]** And that was when I **[C]** smelt her perfume **[Bm]** delicate and **[Em]** sweet **[Em7]**

**[Em]** I stood up and **[D]** turned around, and **[Bm]** there in front of **[Em]** me **[Em7]**  
**[Em]** Stood a beauti.. **[Em7]**ful **[Em]** woman who **[D]** simply stared at **[Bm]** me  
**[Em]** And then I knew it **[Em7]** was **[Em]** all true what the **[D]** old man had **[Bm]** advised  
**[Em]** "You must be **[C]** Anna" I said, and I **[Bm]** looked into her **[Em]** eyes **[Em7]**

[Chorus]

**[C]** Beware the cursed Anna's **[Em]** stare, this **[A]** warning did he **[D]** bring **[B7add11]**  
**[Em]** For no-one **[G]** makes it **[Am]** through this **[F]** wood,  
coming **[Em]** out as **[D]** they went **[Cadd9]** in

[Verse]

[Em] Then we came to..[D] gether in a [Bm] passionate em.. [Em] brace, [Em7]  
[Em] I felt my [Em7] body [Em] weaken and my [D] heart begin to [Bm] race  
[Em] And when at [Em7] last [Em] the kissing stopped I [D] saw to my [Bm] alarm  
[Em] This woman now had [C] changed into a [Bm] young girl in my [Em] arms. [Em7]

[Em] I heard her childish [D] laughter saw her [Bm] vanish through the [Em] trees [Em7]  
[Em] I turned back to [Em7] the [Em] river my [D] reflection for to [Bm] see  
[Em] And there inside [Em7] the [Em] water I saw [D] exactly as I'd [Bm] feared  
[Em] To my horror I'd [C] turned into an [Bm] old man with a [Em] beard. [Em7]

[Chorus]

[C] Beware the cursed Anna's [Em] stare, this [A] warning did he [D] bring [B7add11]  
[Em] For no-one [G] makes it [Am] through this [F] wood,  
coming [Em] out as [D] they went [Cadd9] in

[Verse - slower]

[Em] For seven long years I've [D] waited by this gate [Bm] wishing I could [Em] die [Em7]  
[Em] But that can [Em7] only [Em] happen if some [D] other young man comes [Bm] by  
[Em] First I know I [Em7] must [Em] warn him to [D] go some other [Bm] way,  
[Em] But hope that like most men [C] of that age he won't [Bm] believe what old men [Em] say [Em7]

[Final Chorus]

[C] Beware the cursed Anna's [Em] stare, this [A] warning did he [D] bring [B7add11]  
[Em] For no-one [G] makes it [Am] through this [F] wood,  
coming [Em] out as [D] they went [Cadd9] in

[C] Coming out as they went [Em] in [Esus4] [Em] [Esus4]..... to fade