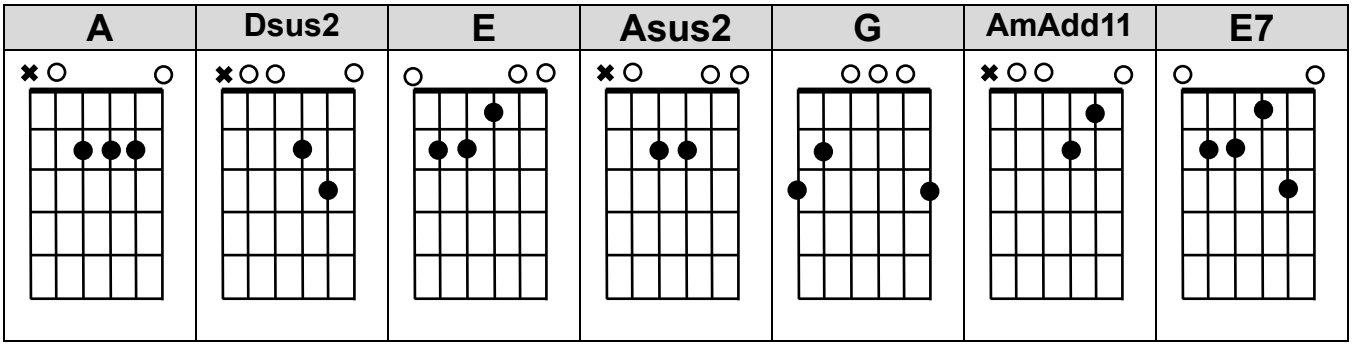
9 Lives

Background: The title hit me as a line in another song, but I thought that it should stand on its own as a song, and it developed from there in minutes. It's a great metaphor. The girl in the last verse is the cat from the first. The guy in the second verse is the dog from the first. Or maybe it's me, I don't know. The song is also non-linear in a Pulp Fiction kind of way. The second and third verses can be switched order and give a similar but slightly different result. **Written:** September 2024

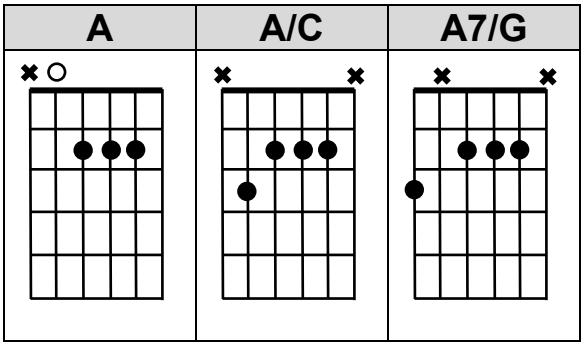
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1	A	4/4	Standard	100	Bluesy Rock	None

Arrangement	1
Intro	A A/C A7/G
Verse	A A A A Dsus2 Dsus2 A A E Dsus2 A A
Chorus	Dsus2 A Dsus2 A E Dsus2 A A
Bridge	E G Dsus2 A E G Dsus2 Dsus2

Chords Used in this Song



Intro



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9 Lives

Verse 1

A
Black cat sitting on top of a fence
A
Heading out on the prowl
A
Reputation is her best defense
A
She ain't fazed by no dog's growl
Dsus2
She's got a meanness laying in wait
Dsus2
Like bees sleeping in a hive
A
Every predator is prey
A
Every prey fights to survive
E
Even if that dog's teeth
Dsus2
Pierce like knives
A
She's got 9 lives

Chorus 1

Dsus2
9 lives
A
She's got 9 lives
Dsus2
9 lives
A
She's got 9 lives
E
No matter what goes down
Dsus2
She comes out alive
A
Cuz she's got 9 lives

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Verse 2

A
Woke up Sunday morning
A
Feeling like someone's loose change
A
Discarded and disowned
A
Lyin' on the floor all rearranged
Dsus2
Last night is just a blur
Dsus2
My head's buzzing like a hive
A
I don't know how I got here
A
Sure hope I didn't drive
E
Thought I might have died
Dsus2
Guess I survived
A
Cuz I got 9 lives

Chorus 2

Dsus2
9 lives
A
I got 9 lives
Dsus2
9 lives
A
I got 9 lives
E
No matter how far down
Dsus2
I will revive
A
Cuz I got 9 lives

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Bridge

E
Sometimes you bottom out
G
Deep you dive
Dsus2
Live below the surface
A
Air deprived
E
But you know you will come back
G
Very much alive
Dsus2
If you got 9 lives

Solo

Verse 3

A
Young girl hitchhiking on the side of the road
A
Staring into her phone
A
She don’t care about the risk she takes
A
Just looking for a late ride home
Dsus2
Pull the car over and she hops in
Dsus2
And we go on for a ride
A
At least tonight I know she’s safe
A
Tonight she will survive
E
We met tonight as strangers
Dsus2
But as survivors we’ve arrived
A

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Cuz we got 9 lives

Chorus 3

Dsus2
9 lives
A
We got 9 lives
Dsus2
9 lives
A
We got 9 lives
E
Keep the faith alive
Dsus2
And you will thrive
A
If you got 9 lives

Optional extra verse

Why is there so much tension
So much tension in the air
I don't know what's your intention
But you'd better not poke the bear
That momma protects her cubs
Better not get to close
Don't second guess the reasons
For the path you freely chose
Keep the path alive
And you will thrive
If you got 9 lives

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Dsus2 Dsus2 A A
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Chorus:
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E Dsus2 A A

Bridge:
E G Dsus2 x2

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