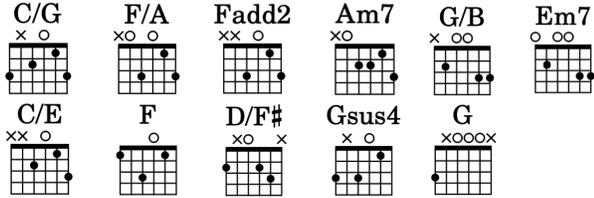


# Eldest Daughter

Music & Lyrics by Susan Werner  
 A Major  
 Capo 9

## Chords



### Verse 1

**C/G** **F/A**  
 there's an unmet need, she meets it  
**C/G** **F/A**  
 as if by some unseen hand  
**G/B** **F/A**  
 there's a child to feed, she feeds it  
**G/B** **F/A**  
 and she always will, you understand  
**C/G** **F/A**  
 she's the first face you will see there  
**C/G** **F/A**  
 should calamity arise  
**Am C/G D/F#**  
 yes before you ask, she'll be there  
**F Gsus4 G**  
 inside she pays a quiet price

### Chorus

**Am G/B C C/G**  
 well she learned, 'cause well we taught her  
**Am G/B C Fadd9**  
 others come before thyself  
**F C/E G/B Am7**  
 mothers bless the bird that brought her  
**F/A C/G C/E Fadd2**  
 (but) heaven help the eldest daughter

### Verse 2

always someone's hand needs holding  
 father, brother, sister, son  
 always blankets that need folding  
 always someone's dishes that need done

she's the very lightest sleeper  
 god forbid she sleep too deep  
 she's the family peacekeeper  
 'tween the angels and the blackest sheep

### Chorus 2

well she learned, 'cause well we taught her  
 others come before thyself  
 tries to blend the oil and water  
 heaven help the eldest daughter

### Bridge

**Em7 Fadd2**  
 and if she should refuse it  
**Em7 Fadd2**  
 this role she's asked to play  
**Em7 Fadd2**  
 even if she does not choose it  
**C/G Gsus4**  
 oh it's always with her anyway

### Chorus 3

**strummed chords**  
 well she learned, 'cause well we taught her  
**resume fingerpicking**  
 others come before thyself

but freed from all these chains that caught her  
 who would she be? -  
 this eldest daughter -

### Riff - Capo 9

