

Nigel Gatherer's 1970s Collection

Living Next Door to Alice (Chin/Chapman)

1 ^C Sally called when she got the word, ^F she said, "I suppose you've heard...
^{G7} / ^C ^{G7} ^C /
 about Alice?" Well I rushed to the window and I looked outside,
^C / ^{G7} / ^C ^{G7}
 Well, I could hardly believe my eyes as a big limousine rolled up, into Alice's drive.

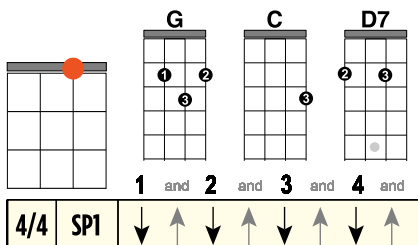
Ch ^C Oh, I don't know why she's leaving, or where she's gonna go, I guess she's got her
^F ^{G7} /
 reasons, but I just don't want to know 'cause for 24 years I've been living next door to
^C ^{G7} ^C / ^F
 Alice Twenty-four years just waiting for a chance, to tell her how I feel, and
^F ^{G7} ^F ^C ^{G7}
 maybe get a second glance, now I gotta get used to not living next door to Alice.

2 ^C We grew up together, two kids in the park, ^F carved our initials, deep in the bark,
^{G7} / ^C ^{G7} ^C / ^F
 Me and Alice. Now she walks through the door, with her head held high, just
^F ^{G7} / ^C ^{G7}
 for a moment, I caught her eye as a big limousine pulled slowly, out of Alice's drive.

Chorus

3 ^C Sally called back and asked how I felt, ^F and she said, "I know how to help
^{G7} / ^C ^{G7} ^C / ^F
 Get over Alice" She said, "Now Alice is gone, but I'm still here; you know
^F ^{G7}—
 I've been waiting for twenty-four years; (and a big limousine disappeared.)

Ch ^C (Oh, I) don't know why she's leaving, or where she's gonna go, I guess she's got her
^F ^{G7} /
 reasons, but I just don't want to know 'cause for 24 years I've been living next door to
^C ^{G7} ^C / ^F
 Alice Twenty-four years just waiting for a chance, to tell her how I feel, and
^F ^{G7} ^F ^C ^{G7}
 maybe get a second glance, but I'll never get used to not living next door to Alice.
^{G7}— ^F— ^C—
 No, I'll never get used to not living next door to Alice!



Smokie started off in Bradford in 1963 and had various names throughout their early career. In 1973 they changed their name finally to Smokie. Their first hit (If You Think You Know How to Love Me) was in 1975, and it was the first of many. Living Next Door to Alice was initially released in 1976, and another version (with comedian Roy Chubby Brown) was a hit in 1995.

