

MAYBELLENE - written and performed by Chuck Berry

NOTE: This song was later covered by Johnny Rivers in the key of F, and by Paul Revere and the Raiders in the key of G. I like to play it in G, but this tab is in A because A is what Chuck sang it in.  
(A chord plays throughout all verses) A / / / 2 / / /

CHORUS:

*Maybellene, why can't you be true*  
*Oh, Maybellene, why can't you be true*  
*You've started back doin' the things you used to do*

As I was motivatin' over the hill  
I saw Maybellene in a Coupe de Ville  
Cadillac rollin' on the open road  
Nothin' outruns my V-8 Ford  
Cadillac doin' 'bout 95  
Bumper-to-bumper, rollin' side by side

(chorus)

Cadillac rolled up ahead of the Ford  
The Ford got hot, wouldn't do no more  
It soon got cloudy and it started to rain  
I tooted my horn for the passing lane  
Rain was pourin' under my hood  
I knew that was doin' my motor good

(chorus)

(instrumental, same pattern as chorus)

(chorus)

Motor cooled down, the heat went down  
That's when I heard that highway sound  
The Cadillac sittin' like a ton of lead  
110 half a mile ahead  
The Cadillac looked like it was sittin' still  
I caught Maybellene at the top of the hill

(chorus)