

# Dat Dere

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*This re-creation of the wonder of a child ("Dat Dere" = "That There" - you can change all the "th"s to "d"s if you want. You can also change the genders to fit, too.) has been famously covered by Oscar Brown, Jr., Nat "Cannonball" Adderley, May Lou Williams & Rickie Lee Jones. Thanks to correspondent Mark S. for the chords. I've added easier guitar chords.*

INTRO VAMP: Fm7 Cm7 [Dm7 Am7 if using guitar chords]

Cm7	Cm7/Bb	Cm6/A	Cm(#5)/Ab
Am7	Am7/G	Am6/F#	Am(#5)/F

Hey, mama, what's that there? And what's that under there?

Dm7(b5)	G7
Bm7(b5)	E7

Hey, mama, up here! Mama - hey! - look at that over there!

Cm7	Cm7/Bb	Cm6/A	Cm(#5)/Ab
Am7	Am7/G	Am6/F#	Am(#5)/F

And what's that doing there? And where're they going there?

Dm7(B5)	G7	Cm7
Bm7(b5)	E7	Am7

And, mummy, can I have that big elephant over there?

Who's that in my chair? And what's he doing there?  
And, mommy, oh, hey, mommy, can I go over there?  
Hey mummy, what's a square? And where do we get air?  
And mummy can I have that big elephant over there?

BRIDGE 1:

G7	Cm7	D7	Gm7
E7	Am7	B7	Em7

My quizzical kid! She doesn't want anything here.

Am7(b5)	D7	G7
F#m7(b5)	B7	E7

Just forever demanding to know who, what, why or where!

F7	Cm7	Dm7	G7
D7	Am7	Bm7	E7

Inquisitive child! Sometimes the questions get wild!

Dm7(b5)	G7	Cm7
Bm7(b5)	E7	Am7

Like, mommy, can I have that big elephant over there?

Don't wanna comb my hair and where's my teddy bear?  
And, mama, hey! Look at the cowboy coming there!  
And can I have a pair of boots like that to wear?  
And mummy can I have that big elephant over there?

INTRO VAMP HERE:

Cm7                      Fm7                      Cm7                      Fm7  
Am7                      Dm7                      Am7                      Dm7  
Time will march, days will go and little baby's going to grow.

Cm7                      Fm7  
Am7                      Dm7

I gotta tell her what she needs to know.

Cm7    Fm7    Cm7 [etc.]  
Am7    Dm7    Am7

I'll help her along, so she'll know right from wrong & she'll be strong.  
As life's parade goes marching by, she's gonna need to know some reasons why.  
I don't have all the answers, but I'll try the best as I can.  
We'll make a plan. [*alt.: I'll make him a man.*] That's right!

[*back to verse chords*]

'Cause you give the kid your best and hope she passes the test  
And finally send her out into the world somewhere.  
And though she's grown up, I bet I never will forget.  
Mummy, can I have that big elephant over there?

Hey, why they do that there? And how you put that there?  
Hey, mummy, up here! Hey, mummy, what that say up there?  
Hey, mummy, what is fair? How come I have to share?  
And, mummy can I have that big elephant over there? [*last line 3x*]

OUTRO: *repeat intro vamp & out*