# Lemon Tree

Will Holt 1950’S (as recorded by Peter, Paul, and Mary 1962)



**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /**

**[A] / [D] / [E7] / [A] / [A]**

When **[A]** I was **[E7]** just a **[A]** lad of ten

My **[A]** father **[E7]** said to **[A]** me

“Come **[A]** here and **[E7]** take a **[F#m]** lesson from

The **[D]** lovely **[E7]** lemon **[A]** tree

Don’t **[D]** put your **[C]** faith in **[D]** love my boy

My **[D]** father **[C]** said to **[Bm]** me

I **[Bb]** fear you’ll find that **[D]** love is like

The **[G]↓** lovely **[A7]↓** lemon **[D]↓** tree”

**CHORUS:**

Lemon **[G]** tree **[C]** very **[G]** pretty

**[C]** And the **[G]** lemon **[C]** flower is **[D7]** sweet

But the **[D7]** fruit of the poor lemon

Is im-**[D7]**possible to **[G]** eat

Lemon **[G]** tree **[C]** very **[G]** pretty

**[C]** And the **[G]** lemon **[C]** flower is **[D7]** sweet

But the **[D7]** fruit of the poor lemon

Is im-**[D7]**possible to **[G]** eat **[E7]**

One **[A]** day be-**[E7]**neath the **[A]** lemon tree

**[A]** My love and **[E7]** I did **[A]** lie

A **[A]** girl so **[E7]** sweet that **[F#m]** when she smiled

The **[D]** stars rose **[E7]** in the **[A]** sky

We **[D]** passed that **[C]** summer **[D]** lost in love

Be-**[D]**neath the **[C]** lemon **[Bm]** tree

The **[Bb]** music of her **[D]** laughter hid

My **[G]↓** father’s **[A7]↓** words from **[D]↓** me

**CHORUS:**

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**[C]** And the **[G]** lemon **[C]** flower is **[D7]** sweet

But the **[D7]** fruit of the poor lemon

Is im-**[D7]**possible to **[G]** eat

Lemon **[G]** tree **[C]** very **[G]** pretty

**[C]** And the **[G]** lemon **[C]** flower is **[D7]** sweet

But the **[D7]** fruit of the poor lemon

Is im-**[D7]**possible to **[G]** eat **[E7]**

One **[A]** day she **[E7]** left with-**[A]**out a word

**[A]** She took a-**[E7]**way the **[A]** sun

And **[A]** in the **[E7]** dark she’d **[F#m]** left behind

I **[D]** knew what **[E7]** she had **[A]** done

She’d **[D]** left me **[C]** for a-**[D]**nother

It’s a **[D]** common **[C]** tale but **[Bm]** true

A **[Bb]** sadder man but **[D]** wiser now

I **[G]↓** sing these **[A7]↓** words to **[D]↓** you

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But the **[D7]** fruit of the poor lemon

Is im-**[D7]**possible to **[G]** eat

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**[C]** And the **[G]** lemon **[C]** flower is **[D7]** sweet

But the **[D7]** fruit of the poor lemon

Is im-**[D7]**possible to **[G]** eat

Lemon **[D]** tree ***(lemon*** **[D] *tree)***

Lemon **[G]** tree ***(lemon*** **[G]** ***tree)***

Lemon **[D]** tree ***(lemon*** **[D]** ***tree)***

Lemon **[G]** tree **[G] / [G] / [G]↓**



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