

# Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

Soft Cell

Key: Gm • Time: 4/4

## INTRO

**[Gm] [Eb] [F] [Bb]** (x2)

## VERSE 1

**[Gm]** Standing at the door of the **[Eb]** pink flamingo

**[Cm]** Crying in the **[F]** rain

**[Gm]** It was a kind of so-so **[Eb]** love

And I'm gonna **[F]** make sure it doesn't happen **[Bb]** again

**[Gm]** You and I had to be the **[Eb]** standing joke

**[Cm]** Of the **[F]** year

**[Gm]** You were a sleepy **[Eb]** smile

And your **[F]** lipstick marks have **[Bb]** disappeared

## CHORUS

**[Gm]** She said, "Babe, **[F]** you know

I'm not that kind of **[Eb]** person

I'm not like you, **[Bb]** I'm not like that"

**[Gm]** And I said, "Girl, **[F]** what d'you expect me to **[Eb]** do?"

Just sit around and **[Bb]** wait for you?

**[D7]** Well I can't always play your fool

## VERSE 2

**[Gm]** You've got that same old **[Eb]** smile

And that same old **[F]** look in your eyes

**[Gm]** You've got that same old **[Eb]** lie

And the same old **[F]** tricks and alibis

**[Gm]** I'm not the one you **[Eb]** want

I'm not the **[F]** one you need

**[Gm]** You said you'd **[Eb]** love me forever

But you **[F]** lied, and now I'm **[Bb]** free

## CHORUS

**[Gm]** Say hello and **[F]** wave goodbye

**[Gm]** Say hello and **[F]** wave goodbye

**[Gm]** Say hello, **[F]** wave goodbye

**[Gm]** Say hello, **[F]** wave goodbye

## BRIDGE

[Eb] Under the deep red light  
[F] I can see the makeup sliding down  
[Eb] Well, hey little girl, you will always make up  
[F] So take off that unbecoming gown  
[Eb] What's wrong with a [F] little tenderness?  
[Gm] What's wrong with a little tenderness?

## CHORUS

[Gm] Say hello and [F] wave goodbye  
[Gm] Say hello and [F] wave goodbye  
[Gm] Say hello, [F] wave goodbye  
[Gm] Say hello, [F] wave goodbye

## OUTRO

[Gm] We're strangers meeting [Eb] for the first time  
[Cm] Pretending [F] to know each other  
[Gm] We're strangers meeting [Eb] for the first time  
[Cm] Pretending [F] to know each other  
[Gm] Say hello, [F] wave goodbye  
[Gm] Say hello, [F] wave goodbye

**Ukulele Tips:** Chords: \*\*Gm, Eb, F, Bb, D7, Cm\*\* — moody but smooth, perfect for minor-key ballads.

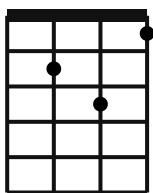
Keep tempo slow (around 65 bpm) and let each chord ring fully; this song breathes.

Use a soft \*\*down-down-up-up-down-up\*\* pattern, or gentle fingerpicking (4-3-2-1).

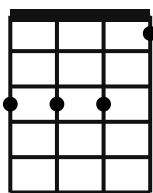
If you want that 80s synth pulse, lightly tap the uke top on beats 2 and 4 to mimic percussion.

Sing quietly and evenly — Marc Almond's tone is controlled, almost spoken. Let the final Gm fade completely, like the end of a film dissolving into pink light.

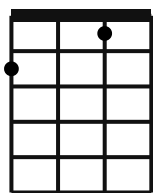
## CHORD DIAGRAMS



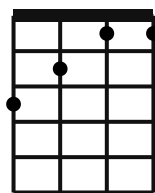
Gm



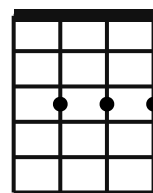
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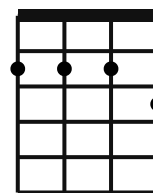
F



Bb



Cm



D7 uke.lol