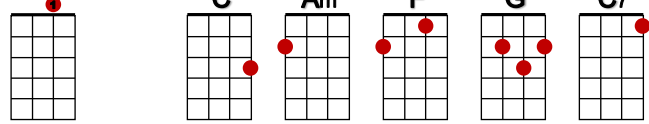


# My Tomato

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YouTube video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/1sHeDfywjdk>

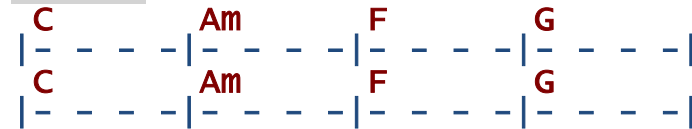
1st Note



**[INTRO & VERSES: Light split strum:**  
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**CHORUSES: Heavier fan strum:**  
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## INTRO:



## VERSE 1:

C Am F  
My tomato doesn't have a first name  
G C  
So I decided to call him Tom  
Am F  
I saw him sitting in the grocery store  
G C  
I said Tom, where are you from?  
Am  
He said It's January  
F G  
Did you think I grew outside in New Jersey?  
C Am F  
I was doin just fine in California  
G  
Til they ripped me from the vine too early  
C[hang]  
I said, Tom, I think we have a problem

## CHORUS:

F G C Am  
I want my tomatoes to come from NJ  
F G C C7  
I want them to ripen on the vi-i-ine  
F G  
I wanna get em at a farm stand  
C Am  
the day they bring the harvest in  
F G[hang] C  
I don't wanna eat any other kind

## VERSE 2:

Am F G[STOP]  
And Tom said

## C - Am - F - G REPEATING

I spent the past 5 days  
in the back of a truck  
With a flat of strawberries  
and a case of romaine  
Also you can pretend  
that the seasons don't exist  
Which, by the way, I think is insane  
He said, It's January, why don't you  
eat a rutabaga or a red potato  
I was bred to pack and ship so I'm  
very nearly tasteless - I'm no Ramapo

## C[hang]

I said, Tom, I have to agree because

## REPEAT CHORUS

## VERSE 3:

Am F G[STOP]  
And Tom said  
C - Am - F - G REPEATING  
You knew this day was coming  
and you could have been prepared  
it's not that hard to do

There are many ways to preserve a tomato  
Canning and freezing and drying  
just to name a few

And then in January  
you can take a jar down off the shelf  
and break the seal  
Pull some Ralston Romas  
out of the freezer  
Have sun dried tomatoes at every meal

## C[hang]

I said, Tom I'll take your advice because

## REPEAT CHORUS

## OUTRO:

Am F G[STOP] C  
Any other kind  
Am F G[STOP]  
Any other —  
C[flourish]  
Kind