#44   AHEAD BY A CENTURY   4/4   Key of D   #44
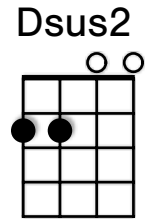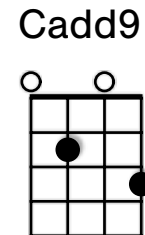
(Gordon Downie, Johnny Fay, Paul Langlois, Gord Sinclair)

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D  Dsus2         D
/ /  /       open A  / / / /         ("open A" means
D  Dsus2         D
/ /  /       open A  / / / /      pluck the open A string)
D  Dsus2         D
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D  Dsus2         D
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Dsus2

 D

(12)   First thing we'd climb a tree *(4,12)* and maybe then we'd talk
 D

(12)   Or sit silently *(4,12)* and listen to our thoughts

Cadd9   D

(12)   With illusions of someday *(4,12)* casting a golden light

 C   D

(12)   No dress rehearsal *(4,12)* this is our life

Cadd9

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D  Dsus2         D            D  Dsus2            D
/ /  /       open A  / / / /,        / /  /       open A   / / / /
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 D   Cadd9

(12)   Then that's where the hornet stung me *(123)*

                       D   Cadd9

And I had a feverish   dream *(34,1)*, with revenge and doubt *(23)*

                          D

Tonight, we smoke them ou-ou-ou-out *(4,1234)*

A   G

    You are ahead by a cent'ry   You are ahead by a cent'ry

A

    You are ahead by a century *G/ G/ G/ (1234)*

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D  Dsus2         D
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 D
(12)   Stare in the morning shroud *(4,12)* and then the day began
 D
(12)   I tilted your cloud *(4,12)* you tilted my hand
 Cadd9   **D**
(12)   Rain falls in real time *(4,12)*   And rain fell through the night
 C   **D/**
(12)   No dress rehearsal   this is our life

D Dsus2   **D**   **D Dsus2**   **D**
/ / /   **open A**   / / / /,   / / /   **open A**   / / / /

 D   **Cadd9**
(12)   Then that's where the hornet stung me *(123)*
                          D   **Cadd9**
And I had a serious   dream *(34,1)*, with revenge and doubt   *(23)*
                          D
Tonight, we smoke them ou-ou-ou-out *(4,1234)*

A   **G**
    You are ahead by a cent'ry   You are ahead by a cent'ry
A
    You are ahead by a century
G   **A**   **G**
(1234, 1234)   You are ahead by a cent'ry   You are ahead by a cent'ry
A
    You are ahead by a century   **G/   G/   G/**
                          D
And disappointing you's getting me down *(4,1234)*

D Dsus2   **D**
/ / /   **open A**   / / / /
D Dsus2   **D**
/ / /   **open A**   / / / /
D Dsus2   **D**
/ / /   **open A**   / / / /
D Dsus2   **D**
/ / /   **open A**   / / / /
D Dsus2   **D**   **D**
/ / /   **open A**   / / / /   /

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