

Love Potion Number Nine (1959)

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key: **[Dm]** artist: The Searchers writer: Jerry Leiber/Mike Stoller

Intro: **[Dm]** 4 strums to set the tempo. – Calypso rhythm

Verse 1: **[Dm]** I took my troubles down to **[Gm]** Madam Ruth.
[Dm] You know that gypsy with the **[Gm]** gold-capped tooth
[F] She's got a place down at Thirty-Fourth and **[Dm]** Vine
[G] Selling little bottles of
[A7] [Stop] Love Potion Number **[Dm]** Nine

Verse 2: **[Dm]** I told her that I was a **[Gm]** flop with chicks.
[Dm] I'd been that way since nineteen **[Gm]** fifty-six
[F] She looked at my palm, and she made a magic **[Dm]** sign
She **[G]** said what you need is:
[A7] [Stop] Love Potion Number **[Dm]** Nine **[Dm] [D]**

Chorus: She **[Gm]** bent down and turned around and gave me a wink.
She **[E7]** said "I'm gonna mix it up right here in the sink
It **[Gm]** smelled like turpentine and looked like India ink.
I **[A7] [Stop]** held my nose, I closed my eyes
[A7] [A7] [Stop] I took a drink

Verse 3: **[NC]** I didn't **[Dm]** know if it was **[Gm]** day or night.
[Dm] I started kissing every **[Gm]** thing in sight
But **[F]** when I kissed a cop down at Thirty-Fourth and **[Dm]** Vine
He **[G]** broke my little bottle of
[A7] [Stop] Love Potion Number **[Dm]** Nine **[Dm] [D]**

Instrumental solo (to first three lines of the chorus)

[Gm] [E7] [Gm]

Singing: I **[A7] [Stop]** held my nose, I closed my eyes
[A7] [A7] [Stop] I took a drink

Verse 4: **[Dm]** I didn't know if it was **[Gm]** day or night.
[Dm] I started kissing every **[Gm]** thing in sight
But **[F]** when I kissed a cop down at Thirty-Fourth and **[Dm]** Vine
He **[G]** broke my little bottle of
[A7] [Stop] Love Potion Number **[Dm]** Nine

Outro: **[Gm]** Love Potion Number **[Dm]** Nine
[Gm] Love Potion Number **[Dm]** Nine

Slower tempo

[Gm] [Stop] Love Potion Number **[Dm]** Nine
[Dm] fast strumming – watch for cutoff