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#### The Best Ever Death Metal Band In Denton

by the Mountain Goats

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the best ever death metal band out of denton
were a couple of guys, who'd been friends since grade school.
one was named cyrus, and the other was jeff.
and they practiced twice a week in jeff's bedroom.
the best ever death metal band out of denton
never settled on a name.
but the top three contenders, after weeks of debate,
were satan's fingers, and the killers, and the hospital bombers.
jeff and cyrus believed in their hearts they were headed
for stage lights and leer jets, and fortune and fame.
so in script that made prominent use of a pentagram,
they stenciled their drumheads and guitars with their names.
this was how cyrus got sent to the school
where they told him he'd never be famous.
and this was why jeff,
in the letters he'd write to his friend,
helped develop a plan to get even.
when you punish a person for dreaming his dream,
don't expect him to thank or forgive you.
the best ever death metal band out of denton
will in time both outpace and outlive you.
hail satan!
hail satan tonight!
hail satan!
hail hail!
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# Blister in the Sun

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by the Violent Femmes
When I'm out walking, I strut my stuff
         C
Then I'm so strung out
              C
                    G
I'm high as a kite, I just might
                  G
stop to check you out
Chorus:
                 \mathsf{Em}
       Let me go on
       like a blister in the sun
                 \mathsf{Em}
       Let me go wild
       Big hands I know you're the one
Body and beats, I stain my sheets
I don't even know why
My girlfriend, she's at the end
she is starting to cry
[chorus]
[When I'm out walking...]
[When I'm out walking...]
Body and beats, I stain my sheets
                                      [you can hardly hear the
I don't even know why
                                         guitar here, whisper]
My girlfriend, she's at the end
she is starting to cry
[When I'm out walking...]
[chorus]
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[end with verse chords played twice]

## **Christmas In Washington**

by Steve Earle

The first verse may be dated, but the rest still works.

Eb It's Christmas time in Washington The Democrats rehearse: Bb Getting into gear for four more years Of things not getting worse Republicans drink whiskey neat And thank their lucky stars they say he cannot seek another term Ab Eb There'll be no more FDRs Eb I sit home in Tennessee Just staring at the screen An uneasy feeling in my chest Ab And I'm wondering what it means

Chorus:

So come back Woody Guthrie
Ab
Come back to us now
Bb
Tear your eyes from paradise
Ab
Eb
And rise again somehow
Eb
If you run into Jesus
Ab
Maybe he can help you out
Bb
Ab Bb
Come back Woody Guthrie to us now

I followed in your footsteps once
Back in my travellin' days
Somehow I failed to find your trail
Now I'm stumblin' through the haze
But there's killers on the highway
And a man can't get around
So I sold my soul for wheels that roll
Now I'm stuck here in this town

#### [Chorus]

There's foxes in the hen house The cows are in the corn The Unions have been busted Their proud red banners torn To you listen to the radio You'd think all was well But you and me and Cisco know It's going straight to hell

So come back Emma Goldman
Rise up old Joe Hill
The barricades are going up
They cannot break our will
Come back to us Malcolm X
And Martin Luther King
We're marching into Selma Let the bells of freedom ring

Eb
So come back Woody Guthrie
Ab
Come back to us now
Bb
Tear your eyes from paradise
Ab
Bb
Eb
And rise again somehow

#### Flowers on the Wall

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Lew DeWitt, performed by the Statler Bros, requested by Ariel.
I keep hearin' you're concerned about my happiness
But all that thought you've given me is conscience I guess
If I were walkin' in your shoes, I wouldn't worry none
While you and your friends are worryin' 'bout me, I'm havin' lots of fun
Chorus:
                Am
      Countin' flowers on the wall, that don't bother me at all
      Playin' solitaire 'til dawn, with a deck of fifty-one
      Smokin' cigarettes and watchin' "Captain Kangaroo"
      Now don't tell me
      F
      I've nothin' to do
Last night I dressed in tails, pretended I was on the town
As long as I can dream it's hard to slow this swinger down
So please don't give a thought to me, I'm really doin' fine
You can always find me here and havin' quite a time
[Chorus]
It's good to see you, I must go, I know I look a fright
Anyway, my eyes are not accustomed to this light
And my shoes are not accustomed to this hard concrete
So I must go back to my room and make my day complete
[chorus]
Coda:
      Don't tell me
      I've nothin' to do
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## Goin' Down the Road Feeling Bad

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by Woody Guthrie
I'm blowin' down this old dusty road,
I'm a-blowin' down this old dusty road,
I'm a-blowin' down this old dusty road, Lord, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this a-way.
I'm a-goin' where the water taste like wine,
Yeah I'm goin' where the water taste like wine,
I'm a-goin' where the water taste like wine, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
I'm a-goin' where the dust storms never blow,
I'm a-goin' where them dust storms never blow,
I'm a-goin' where them dust storms never blow, blow, blow,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
They say I'm a dust bowl refugee,
Yes, they say I'm a dust bowl refugee,
They say I'm a dust bowl refugee, Lord, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
I'm a-lookin' for a job at honest pay,
I'm a-lookin' for a job at honest pay,
I'm a-lookin' for a job at honest pay, Lord, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
My children need three square meals a day,
Now, my children need three square meals a day,
My children need three square meals a day, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
It takes a ten-dollar shoe to fit my feet,
It takes a ten-dollar shoe to fit my feet,
It takes a ten-dollar shoe to fit my feet, Lord, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
Your a-two-dollar shoe hurts my feet,
Your two-dollar shoe hurts my feet,
Yes, your two-dollar shoe hurts my feet, Lord, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
I'm a-goin' down this old dusty road,
I'm blowin' down this old dusty road,
I'm a-blowin' down this old dusty road, Lord, Lord,
An' I ain't a-gonna be treated this way.
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## Hobo's Lullaby

by Goebel Reeves, also performed by Woodie Guthrie, requested by Jenn (capo 1st)

Do not think about tomorrow, let tomorrow come and go, tonight you've got a nice warm boxcar, safe from all this wind and snow.

I know the police they cause you trouble, they cause trouble everywhere, but when you die and go to heaven, you'll find no policemen there.

[repeat verse 1]

(alternate lyrics from <u>Gravity's</u> Rainbow by Thos. Pynchon)

If you see a train this evening, Far away against the sky, Lie down in your wooden blanket, Sleep and let the train go by.

Trains have called us, every midnight, From a thousand miles away, Trains that pass through empty cities, Trains that have no place to stay.

No one drives the locomotive, No one tends the staring light, Trains have never needed riders, Trains belong to bitter night. Railway stations stand deserted, Rights-of-way lie clear and cold: What we left them, trains inherit, Trains go on, and we grow old.

Let them cry like cheated lovers, Let their cries find only wind. Trains are meant for night and ruin. We are meant for song and sin.

## I Have Seen the Land Beyond

by Beck

F

From these shores where we belong
C F
I have seen the land beyond

Where the lord is strange and strong  ${\sf C}$   ${\sf F}$  I have seen the land beyond

Bb F
There's no telling who'll be dead
C F
When the pale horse is turning red
Bb F
And their tongues will burn in vain
C F
And everything will feel the same

There's no patience there's no peace I have seen the land beyond Where the gravestones never cease I have seen the land beyond

Through the troubles of the years A heavenly apparition appears And we're haunted by our own minds And the spirit calls in the skies

From these shores where We belong I have seen the land beyond Where the lord is strange and strong I have seen the land beyond

#### **Jolene**

by Dolly Parton

Chorus:

Am C G Am
Jolene, Jolene, Jolene
G Am
I'm begging of you please don't take my man
Jolene, Jolene, Jolene
Please don't take him just because you can

Your beauty is beyond compare With flaming locks of auburn hair With ivory skin and eyes of emerald green

Your smile is like a breath of spring Your voice is soft like summer rain And I cannot compete with you, Jolene

He talks about you in his sleep Theres nothing I can do to keep From crying when he calls your name, Jolene

And I can easily understand How you could easily take my man But you don't know what he means to me, Jolene

[chorus]

You could have your choice of men But I could never love again He's the only one for me, Jolene

I had to have this talk with you My happiness depends on you And whatever you decide to do, Jolene

You could have your choice of men But I could never love again He's the only one for me, Jolene Jolene, Jolene

#### Mandelbrot Set

by Jonathan Coulton, requested by Kevin Esus2 E E-Esus4 E Esus2-E Pathological monsters! cried the terrified mathematician Every one of them is a splinter in my eye I hate the Peano Space and the Koch Curve I fear the Cantor Ternary Set A (A7) The Sierpinski Gasket makes me want to cry Emaj7 And a million miles away a butterfly flapped its wings F#m On a cold November day.. a man named Benoit Mandelbrot was born Esus2 E E-Esus4 E Esus2-E His disdain for pure mathematics and his unique geometrical insights Left him well equipped to face those demons down He saw that infinite complexity could be described by simple rules He used his giant brain to turn the game around Emaj7 And he looked below the storm and saw a vision in his head Amaj7 A bulbous pointy form F#m He picked his pencil up and he wrote his secret down chorus: E E Esus4 Esus4 (repeat) (throw in some Esus2 or E7 for flavour) Take a point called Z in the complex plane Let Z1 be Z squared plus C And Z2 is Z1 squared plus C And Z3 is Z2 squared plus C and so on If the series of Z's should always stay C#m Ab Close to Z and never trend away E (no chord) В That point is in the Mandelbrot Set Mandelbrot Set you're a Rorschach Test on fire You're a day-glo pterodactyl You're a heart-shaped box of springs and wire You're one badass fucking fractal F#m And you're just in time to save the day Amai7 Sweeping all our fears away Ε

You can change the world in a tiny way

Esus2 E E-Esus4 E Esus2-E
E (hold)

A F#m

Mandelbrot's in heaven, at least he will be when he's dead

A B E Esus4 E

Right now he's still alive and teaching math at Yale

E A F#m

He gave us order out of chaos, he gave us hope where there was none

A (A7) B E

And his geometry succeeds where others fail

Amaj7 Emaj7 Amaj7 Emaj7

If you ever lose your way, a butterfly will flap its wings

Amaj7 Emaj7 F#m B E

From a million miles away, a little miracle will come to take you home

#### [chorus]

F#m Amaj7

And you're just in time to save the day F#m Amaj7

Sweeping all our fears away F#m Amaj7

You can change the world in a tiny way F#m Amaj7

Go on change the world in a tiny way F#m A

Come on change the world in a tiny way

## The Mariner's Revenge Song

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by the Decemberists
Intro:
Am
We are two mariners, our ship's sole survivors
In this belly of a whale
Its ribs are ceiling beams, its guts are carpeting
I guess we have some time to kill
Verse:
Am
You may not remember me, I was a child of three
And you a lad of eighteen
But I remember you, and I will relate to you
How our histories interweave
  At the time you were a rake and a roustabout
  Spending all your money
  On the whores and hounds
  F E
  Oh Ohhhhh
You had a charming air, all cheap and
                                              And then you disappeared, your gambling
  debonair
                                                 arrears
My widowed mother found so sweet
                                              The only thing you left behind
And so she took you in, her sheets still
                                              And then the magistrate reclaimed our small
  warm with him
Now filled with filth and foul disease
                                              And my poor mother lost her mind
  As time wore on you proved a debt-ridden
                                                 Then, one day in spring my dear sweet
    drunken mess
                                                   mother died
  Leaving my mother
                                                 But, before she did
  A poor consumptive wretch
                                                 I took her hand as she, dying, cried:
  Oh Ohhhhh
                                                 Oh Ohhhhh
Chorus:
      "Find him, bind him
      Tie him to a pole and break
      His fingers to splinters
      Drag him to a hole until he
      Wakes up naked
      Clawing at the ceiling of his grave"
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It took me fifteen years to swallow all One night I overheard the prior exchanging words mv tears With a penitent whaler from the sea Among the urchins in the street The captain of his ship, who matched you toe to Until a priory took pity and hired me tip, To keep their vestry nice and neat Was known for wanton cruelty But never once in the employ of these The following day I shipped to sea with a holy men privateer Did I ever once turn my mind And in the whistle of the wind I could almost hear... From the thought of revenge Oh Ohhhhh Oh Ohhhhh [Chorus] [Spooky mom-ghost sings] G 'There is one thing I must say to you As you sail across the sea Am Em Always, your mother will watch over you As you avenge this wicked deed" Interlude: Dm Am Dm E Dm Am Dm E Dm Am Dm E Dm Am Dm E And then, that fateful night, we had you in Don't know how I survived; the crew all was our sight chewed alive After twenty months at sea I must have slipped between his teeth Your starboard flank abeam, I was getting my But, oh! What providence! What divine muskets clean intelligence! When came this rumbling from beneath That you should survive as well as me The ocean stirred the sky went black and It gives my heart great joy to see your eyes fill with fear the captain quailed So lean in close and I will whisper And before us grew the angry jaws The last words you'll hear Of a giant whale Oh Ohhhhh! Ohh Ohhhhh [AND THEN THE WHALE EATS THE SHIP! O NOES!!!] Outro: Dm Am Dm E F E (accelerate)

#### Nebraska

by Bruce Springsteen

A E A
I saw her standin' on her front lawn
E A
just twirlin' her baton
D A
Me and her went for a ride sir
E A
and ten innocent people died

From the town of Lincoln Nebraska with a sawed off .410 on my lap Through to the badlands of Wyoming I killed everything in my path

I can't say that I'm sorry for the things that we done At least for a little while sir me and her we had us some fun The jury brought in a guilty verdict and the judge he sentenced me to death Midnight in a prison storeroom with leather straps across my chest

Sheriff when the man pulls that switch sir and snaps my poor head back You make sure my pretty baby is sittin' right there on my lap

They declared me unfit to live said into that great void my soul'd be hurled
They wanted to know why I did what I did Well sir I guess there's just a meannesss in this world.

## **Dirty Old Town**

by the Pogues

G
Met my love, by the gasworks wall

C
Dreamed a dream, by the old canal
G
Kissed my girl, by the factory wall
D
Em
Dirty old town, dirty old town

Clouds are drifting across the moon Cats are prowling on their beats Springs a girl on the streets at night Dirty old town, dirty old town

Heard a siren from the docks Saw a train cut the night on fire Smelled the breeze on the smokey wind Dirty old town, dirty old town

I'm going to make a big sharp ax Shining steel tempered in the fire I'll chop you down like an old dead tree Dirty old town, dirty old town

Met my love, by the gas yard wall Dreamed a dream, by the old canal Kissed my girl, by the factory wall Dirty old town, dirty old town

#### No Children

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by the Mountain Goats
   Bm E Bm E Gsus9 D G
I hope that our few remaining friends
Give up on trying to save us
I hope we come up with a failsafe plot
To piss off the dumb few that forgave us
I hope the fences we mended
Fall down beneath their own weight
And I hope we hang on past the last exit
I hope it's already too late
And I hope the junkyard a few blocks from here
Someday burns down
And I hope the rising black smoke carries me far away
And I never come back to this town
C
           in my life
                          I hope I lie
Again
and tell everyone you were a good wife
And I hope you die
                                   [back to intro part]
I hope we both die
I hope I cut myself shaving tomorrow
I hope it bleeds all day long
Our friends say it's darkest before the sun rises
We're pretty sure they're all wrong
I hope it stays dark forever
I hope the worst isn't over
And I hope you blink before I do
Yeah I hope I never get sober
And I hope when you think of me years down the line
You can't find one good thing to say
And I'd hope that if I found the strength to walk out
You'd stay the hell out of my way
I am drowning There is no sign of land
You are coming down with me Hand in unlovable hand
And I hope you die
I hope we both die
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## **Perfect Day**

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by Lou Reed
(Capo I)
Intro:
E Am E Am
\mathsf{Am}
Just a perfect day,
Drink Sangria in the park,
And then later, when it gets dark,
We go home.
Am
Just a perfect day,
Feed animals in the zoo
           Dm
Then later, a movie, too,
         Ε
And then home.
Chorus:
                      D
      Oh it's such a perfect day,
                                       D/C# D/B
      I'm glad I spent it with you.
                 Ε
      Oh such a perfect day,
                F#m
                        Ε
      You just keep me hanging on,
                F#m
      You just keep me hanging on.
Just a perfect day,
Problems all left alone,
Weekenders on our own.
It's such fun.
Just a perfect day,
You made me forget myself.
I thought I was someone else,
Someone good.
[chorus]
instrumental:
F#m E D
F#m E D
                                           D/C# D/B
   You're going to reap just what you sow,
[x4]
C#m
         D
             D/C# D/B
                         A [x2]
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## **Pretty Boy Floyd**

by Woody Guthrie, also played by Dylan, Christen's request

G
If you'll gather 'round me, children,
C
G
A story I will tell
C
D
Of Pretty Boy Floyd, an outlaw,
D
G
Oklahoma knew him well.

It was in the town of Shawnee, A Saturday afternoon, His wife beside him in his wagon As into town they rode.

There a deputy sheriff approached him In a manner rather rude, Using vulgar words of language, His wife she overheard.

Pretty Boy grabbed a log chain, And the deputy grabbed his gun; In the fight that followed He laid that deputy down.

Then he took to the trees and timber To live a life of shame; Every crime in Oklahoma Was added to his name.

But a many a starving farmer The same old story told How the outlaw paid their mortgage And saved their little homes.

Others tell you 'bout a stranger That come to beg a meal, Underneath his napkin Left a thousand dollar bill. It was in Oklahoma City, It was on a Christmas Day, Came a whole car load of groceries With a letter that did say:

"Well, you say that I'm an outlaw, You say that I'm a thief. Here's a Christmas dinner For the families on relief.

Yes, as through this world I've wandered I've seen lots of funny men; Some will rob you with a six-gun, And some with a fountain pen.

And as through your life you travel, Yes, as through your life you roam, You won't never see an outlaw Drive a family from their home."

#### Reno Dakota

by the Magnetic Fields

G
Reno Dakota there's not an iota
D
of kindness in you
You know you enthrall me
and yet you don't call me
G
It's making me blue
Pantone 292

Reno Dakota I'm reaching my quota of tears for the year Alas and alack you just don't call me back You have just disappeared It makes me drink beer I know you're a recluse

You know that's no excuse,
G D
Reno, that's just a ruse
G D
Do not play fast and loose
G
with my heart

Reno Dakota I'm no Nino Rota
I don't know the score
Have I annoyed you- or is there a boy whoWell he's just a whore
I've had him before
It makes me drink more

## Rory

by the Vaselines

Galloping through the morning dew, There's only one thing that I want to do to you, And its true that I'm going to do it soon. [Chorus] Rory rory ride me rory Rory rory ride me rory Rory ride me slowly, D C Ride me raw raw raw. Stride on your back rocking to ride, I got the feeling we're gonna gallop alright, And It's true that I'm gonna do it soon. Galloping through the morning dew, There's only one thing that I want to do to you, And its true that I'm going to do it soon. [Chorus] It'll take three to satisfy me, 'Cause I'm more of a man than you'll ever be. Rory, ride me slowly, ride me true, ride me true.

## **Snazzy Portland**

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by the Bad Mintons
B through intro:
Portland... portland... portland!
[kazoo intro]
If you come to California, be sure to wear a rubber
'cause there's lots of nasty people down there
they're covered with long blond artificial hair
they look like shit and they hate it when you stare
But in Portland, happy Portland
everyone is friendly and kind
             F#
they've got free money down at the liquor store
You only have to smile and say "hi!" (Hi!)
                     Ε
In Portland, Happy Portland, everything's gonna be fine.
[Play B for bridge]
In Texas, lousy Texas,
you'll be bitten by deadly snakes and bugs
The fuckers there, they'll mess with you
They'll rip you off and sell you bogus drugs
But in Portland, stony Portland
You'll be high from the moment you wake up
'Cause we've got the dankest nugs that anybody's got
our hydroponic basements overflowing with pot
In Portland, stony Portland,
we won the cannabis cup.
[Kazoo!]
In Alaska, cold Alaska
You'll either freeze your nuts off or be eaten by a bear
The people there, they just don't care
They drink, drink, drink and they wallow in despair
But in Portland, snazzy Portland
they put antidepressants in our beer
we hardly even notice that it rains all year
the cops shoot at us but we have no fear
in Portland, snazzy Portland
your troubles will disappear
[Kazoo!]
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## Sons and Daughters

by the Decemberists

D G

When we arrive, Sons & Daughters
D G

We'll make our homes on the water
D G

We'll build our walls of aluminum
D G

We'll fill our mouths with cinnamon

These currents pull us 'cross the border Steady your boats, arms to shoulder 'till tides are pulled, hold our grounds Making this cold harbor now home

Take up your arms Sons and daughters We will arise from the bunkers By land, by sea, by dirigible We'll leave our tracks untraceable now

When we arrive, sons and daughters We'll make our homes on the water We'll build our walls of aluminum We'll fill our mouths with cinnamon

When we arrive Sons and daughters We'll make our homes on the water We'll build our walls aluminum We'll fill our mouths cinnamon

Till all the bombs fade away Till all the bombs fade away Till all the bombs fade away Till all the bombs fade away

# Ring of Fire

by June Carter, perf. by Johnny Cash

Intro:
G C G C
G C G
Love Is A Burning Thing
C G
And It Makes A Fiery Ring
C G
Bound By Wild Desire
C G
I Fell Into A Ring Of Fire

Chorus:

D C G
I Fell Into A Burning Ring Of
Fire
D I Went Down, Down
C G
And The Flames Went Higher
And It Burns, Burns, Burns
C G
The Ring Of Fire
C G
The Ring Of Fire

[Intro x 2] [Chorus]

The Taste Of Love Is Sweet When Hearts Like Ours Meet I Fell For You Like A Child Ohh, But The Fire Went Wild

[Chorus x 2]

And It Burns, Burns, Burns
C G
The Ring Of Fire
C G
The Ring Of Fire

## **Strumpet**

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by Lois
Intro:
GGCDx4
G
                 C
                       D
       G
      talk too much
  Ι
G
       G
                  C
                        D
  Ι
      laugh too loud
                                                  D
   G
          C
                                            C
  People stare at me when I'm in a crowd
I swear a lot
Wear polka dot
I might be a social disease, but I can't be caught
Chorus:
      G
                               C
        You say I'm walking around like I own the whole
                     C
      place, well I do
                                              G
                                                     C
                                       G
                                                           D
                     can have it all too
         Anybody
bridge: C C D D G G C C x2
I smoke cigars
I ride real low
Just don't make me wait when I want to go
I read bad books
I make a scene
Read all about my scene in a magazine
[Chorus]
bridge: C C D D G G C C x2
I talk too much
I laugh too loud
People stare at me when I'm in a crowd
I swear a lot
Wear polka dot
I might be a social disease, but I can't be caught
[Chorus]
repeat G G C D until end.
Just walk around the town like you own it
Walk around, around like you own it
Just walk around, around, around, around, around
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## There is a Light that Never Goes Out

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by the Smiths
intro:
  Am F G
Am G
                          CG
            Am G F
   Take me out tonight
               Am
where there's music and there's people
                    G F C G
         \mathsf{Am}
who are young and alive
                 Am G
         G
Driving in your car
I never never want to go home
                    \mathsf{Am}
                             G Am G
because I haven't got one
        C
Anymore
Take me out tonight
Because I want to see people and i
Want to see life
Driving in your car
Oh, please don't drop me home
Because it's not my home, it's their
Home, and I'm welcome
no more
[Chorus]
Take me out tonight
Take me anywhere, I don't care
I don't care, I don't care
And in the darkened underpass
I thought oh god, my chance has come at last
(but then a strange fear gripped me and i
Just couldn't ask)
Take me out tonight
Oh, take me anywhere, I don't care
I don't care, I don't care
Driving in your car
I never never want to go home
Because I haven't got one, da ...
Oh, I haven't got one
[Chorus]
                            \mathsf{Am}
Oh, there is a light and it never goes out
There is a light and it never goes out
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#### Chorus:

Em F
G C Am
And if a double-decker bus
F G
crashes into us
C
To die by your side
F G
Is such a heavenly way to die
C Am
And if a ten-ton truck
F G
kills the both of us
C
To die by your side
F
Well, the pleasure G
the privilege is mine

#### **Turn Around**

by They Might Be Giants

A
I was working all night in my office, when a man I had recently killed

D
Called me up from a phone near my building, so I looked out the window at him

F#

Bm / A

D / E

he had the same obsequious manner that was the reason I had him killed

C#

F#m / E

SO to calm my nerves I sang this song to him over the phone:

Chorus:

I was out by myself in the graveyard
I was doing an interpretive dance
when I felt something heavy and pointed
strike me in the back of my neck
and then the ghost of my dance instructor
pushed me down into an open grave
and as dirt rained down she played a xylophone
and sang me this song:

[Chorus]

We were waving our arms out the window of a fast-moving passenger train acting in an irresponsible fashion until the engineer whose back had been turned and who we thought would find us highly amusing quickly swivelled his head around and his face which was a paper-white mask of evil sang us this song:

[Chorus]

#### Women & Men

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by They Might Be Giants
 When the ship runs out of ocean
                       D
 And the vessel runs aground
 Land's where we know the boat is found
Now there's nothing unexpected
About the water giving out
"Land"'s not a word we have to shout.
Bridge:
But there's something beside the shoreline
Moving across the beachhead
Coming up from the shipwreck
Making as if to say:
Chorus:
              G
                         C
                                 \mathsf{Em}
      Women & Meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee
                         (
                                 G
      Women & Meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee
      (x2)
D
            Bringing with them messages of love
(Women & Men)
And every where they go love will grow
   (love
                     will
                                 grow)
When you see the faces of the women
                  Men)
(Women
            &
And the men, you too will know
(you
            will
Women & Men have crossed the ocean
They now begin to pour
Out from the boat and up the shore
Two by two they enter the jungle
And soon they number more
Three by three as well as four by four
[play like bridge]
Soon the stream of people gets wider
Then it becomes a river
River becomes an ocean
Carrying ships that bear
[Chorus ad overpopulatio]
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#### Will the Circle be Unbroken

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Traditional
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Chorus:
      Will the circle be unbroken
      By and by, Lord, by and by
      There's a better home awaiting
      In the sky, Lord, in the sky
G
I was standing by my window
On a cold and cloudy day
When I saw that hearse come rolling
For to carry my mother away
[Chorus]
Well I told the undertaker
Undertaker please drive slow
For the one that you are carrying
Lord, I hate to see her go
[Chorus]
Well I followed close behind her
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid her in her grave
[Chorus]
Went back home, Lord, oh so lonesome
Since my mother she was gone
All my brothers, sisters crying
What a home so sad and 'lone
[Chorus]
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#### Death is not the End

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by Bob Dylan, as played by Nick Cave
When you're sad and when you're lonely
and you haven't got a friend
just remember that death is not the end
And all that you held sacred
Falls down and does not mend
Chorus:
               G
      Just remember that death is not the end
      not the end, not the end
      just remember that death is not the end.
When you're standing on the crossroads
That you cannot comprehend
Just remember that death is not the end
And all your dreams have vanished
And you don't know what's up the bend...
[Chorus]
When the storm clouds gather round you
And heavy rains descend
Just remember that death is not the end
And there's no-one there to comfort you
With a helping hand to lend...
[Chorus]
For the tree of life is growing
where the spirit never dies
And the bright light of salvation
Up in dark and empty skies
When the cities are on fire
With the burning flesh of men
Just remember that death is not the end
When you search in vain to find
Some law-abiding citizen...
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## Ana Ng

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They Might be Giants
Em
        Em Em
                       Em C
                                     D D
                                               D (rhythm repeats)
                \mathsf{Em}
                                 C
   Make a hole with a gun
                             per-pen-di-
                                            cu- lar
Em
   To the name of this town on a desktop globe
Ε
                       G
                             C
                                G
                    Am
   Exit wound in a for-eign na-tion
D
                        C
Showing the home of the one this was written for
My apartment looks upside down from there
Water spirals the wrong way out the sink
And her voice is a backwards record
It's like a whirlpool, and it never ends
Chorus:
  G
  Ana Ng and I are getting old
  And we still haven't walked in the glow
          C
  Of each other's majestic presence
         C
  Listen Ana hear my words
  They're the ones you would think I would say
  If there was a me for you
All alone at the '64 World's Fair
Eighty dolls yelling "Small girl after all"
Who was at the DuPont Pavilion?
Why was the bench still warm? Who had been there?
Or the time when the storm tangled up the wire
To the horn on the pole at the bus depot
And in back of the edge of hearing
These are the words that the voice was repeating:
[Chorus]
When I was driving once I saw this painted on a bridge:
                                D
                         G
"I don't want the world, I just want your half"
They don't need me here and I know you're there
Where the world goes by like the humid air
And it sticks like a broken record
                         Am G
                                C
Everything sticks like a bro-ken re-cord
                                C
                     \mathsf{Am}
                           G
Everything sticks un-til it goes away
And the truth is we don't know anything
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#### **Folsom Prison Blues**

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Johnny Cash
  G
I hear the train a-comin'; it's rollin' 'round the bend,
And I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when,
I'm stuck at Folsom Prison and time keeps draggin' on.
But that train keeps a-rollin' on down to San Antone.
When I was just a baby, my momma told me, "Son,
Always be a good boy; don't ever play with guns."
But I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die.
When I hear that whistle blowin', I hang my head and cry.
I bet there's rich folk eatin'in a fancy dining car.
They're prob'ly drinkin' coffee and smokin' big cigars,
But I know I had it comin', I know I can't be free,
But those people keep a-movin', and that's what tortures me.
Well if they freed me from this prison, if that railroad train was mine,
I bet I'd move it all a little farther down the line,
Far from Folsom Prison, that's where I want to stay,
And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away.
Take The Skinheads Bowling
Camper Van Beethoven
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Intro: C F C F (x2)
  Every day I get up and pray to Jah
  And he increases the number of clocks by exactly one
  Everybody's coming home for lunch these days
  Last night there were skinheads on my lawn
Chorus:
                      F
  G
  Take the skinheads bowling, take them bowling (x2)
  Some people say that bowling alleys got big lanes
  Some people say that bowling alleys all look the same
  There's not a line that goes here that rhymes with anything
  Had a dream last night but I forget what it was
[Chorus]
Had a dream last night about you my friend
Had a dream, I wanted to sleep next to plastic
Had a dream, I wanted to lick your knees
                                                            [Chorus \times 2]
Had a dream, it was about nothing
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#### Man in the Moon

**REM** 

(Dadd4/add2 is x-5-4-0-3-0, which is a basic C-chord slid up two frets)

C Dadd4/add2 C
Mott the Hoople and the game of Life, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
Andy Kaufman in the wrestling match, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah,
Monopoly, Twenty-one, checkers, and chess, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
Mister Fred Blassie, and a breakfast mess, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
Let's play Twister, let's play Risk, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
I'll see you heaven if you make the list, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Am G
Now Andy did you hear about this one, tell me are you locked in the punch?
Am G C D
Hey Andy are you goofing on Elvis? Hey baby, are we losing touch?

#### Chorus:

G Am C Bm G Am D

If you believed they put a man on the moon, man on the moon.
G Am C Bm Am

If you believe there's nothing up my sleeve, then nothing is cool.

Moses went walking with the staff of wood, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Newton got beaned by the apple good, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Egypt was troubled by the horrible asp, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Mister Charles Darwin had the gall to ask, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Now Andy, did you hear about this one? Tell me, are you locked in the punch? Hey Andy are you goofing on Elvis? Hey baby, are you having fun?

[Chorus]

[Break:] Em D Em D Em D

Here's a little agit for the never believer, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah Here's a little ghost for the offering, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah Here's a truck stop instead of Saint Peter's, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah Mister Andy Kaufman's gone wrestling, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Now Andy did you hear about this one? Tell me are you locked in the punch? Hey Andy are you goofing on Elvis? Hey baby, are we losing touch?

Em D Em D Em D

[Chorus ad lib]

#### **Just What I Needed**

The Cars C#m I don't mind you coming here wasting all my time G# В C#m 'Cause when you're standing oh so near I kind of lose my mind C#m It's not the perfume that you wear it's not the ribbons in your hair G# I don't mind you coming here wasting all my time Interlude: C#m G# Ε C#m Α I don't mind you hanging out and talking in your sleep It's doesn't matter where you've been as long as it was deep yeah Always knew you'd marry well you look so fancy I can tell I don't mind you hanging out and talking in your sleep Chorus: A B I guess you're just what I needed C#m R Α (just what I needed), I needed someone to feed C#m I guess you're just what I needed Α C#m... just what I needed, I needed someone to please Instrumental (sing it if you need to): C#m Ε В C#m G# Ε В C#m Α Ε В C#m G# Ε В C#m

I don't mind you coming here wasting all my time, time 'Cause when you're standing oh so near I kind of lose my mind It's not the perfume that you wear it's not the ribbons in your hair I don't mind you coming here wasting all my time

[Chorus x 2]

## Get Me Away From Here I'm Dying

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Belle and Sebastian
Oh! Get me away from here I'm dying
          Em
Play me a song to set me free
Nobody writes them like they used to
So it may as well be me
Here on my own now after hours
Here on my own now on a bus
Think of it this way
                       Bb
          G
You could either be successful or be us
With our winning smiles, and us
With our catchy tunes, oh us
Now we're photogenic
                           Bb
                                 F
          Am
You know, we don't stand a chance (we don't stand a chance)
Oh I'll settle down with some old story
About a boy who's just like me
Thought there was love in everything and everyone
You're so naive!
They always tell a sorry story
They always get it in the end
Still it was worth it as I turned the pages solemnly, and then
With a winning smile the boy
With naivety succeeds
At the final moment, I cried
I always cry at endings
Oh, that wasn't what I meant to say at all
From where I'm sitting, rain
Falling against the lonely tenement
Has set my mind to wander
Into the windows of my lovers
They never know unless I write
"This is no declaration, I just thought I'd let you know goodbye"
Said the hero in the story,
"It is mightier than swords
I could kill you sure
But I could only make you cry with these words"
Cry with these words
Cry with these words
Ooh! Get me away I'm dying
Get me away I'm dying
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## In the Aeroplane Over the Sea

Neutral Milk Hotel Intro D Bm G A What a beautiful face I have found in this place That is circling all round the sun What a beautiful dream That could flash on the screen In a blink of an eye and be gone from me Soft and sweet Let me hold it close and keep it here with me And one day we will die And our ashes will fly from the aeroplane over the sea But for now we are young Let us lay in the sun And count every beautiful thing we can see Love to be In the arms of all I'm keeping here with me Em C G D (x2)What a curious life we have found here tonight There is music that sounds from the street There lights in the clouds Anna's ghost all around Hear her voice as it's rolling and ringing through me Soft and sweet How the notes all bend and reach above the trees Bm G Now how I remember you How I would push my fingers through (D Bm G A) What a beautiful face I have found Your mouth to make those muscles move in this place That is circling all round the sun That made your voice so smooth and sweet And when we meet on a cloud I'll be laughing out loud And now we keep where we don't know I'll be laughing with everyone I see Can't believe how strange it is to All secrets sleep in winter clothes be anything at all With one you loved so long ago

D

Now he don't even know his name

Α

## The Heart of Saturday Night

Tom Waits Csus4: 033013 Intro: / C - - - / - - - / Csus4 - - - / - - - / / Dm7 - - - / G - - - / C - - - / - - - / Well, you've gassed her up, behind the wheel With your arm around your sweet one in your Oldsmobile Barrellin' down the boulevard, lookin' for the heart of Saturday Night. And you got paid on Friday, and your pockets are jinglin' And you see the lights, you get all tinglin' 'Cause you're cruisin' with a 6, And you're lookin' for the heart of Saturday night. Dm7 Then you comb your hair, shave your face, tryin' to wipe out ev'ry trace G (hold) Of all the other days in the week, this'll be the Saturday You're reachin' your peak. Stoppin' on the red, you're goin' on the green, 'Cause tonight'll be like nothin' you've ever seen, And you're barrellin' down the boulevard, Lookin' for the heart of Saturday night. [Repeat Intro] Is it the crack of the pool balls, neon buzzin'? Telephone ringin'; it's you're second cousin. Is it the barmaid that's smilin' from the corner of her eye? Magic of the melancholy tear in your eye. Makes it kind of special down in the core 'Cause your dreamin' of them Saturdays that came before And now you're stumblin' on the heart of Saturday night. Well, you gassed her up, behind the wheel With your arm around your sweet one in your Oldsmobile Barrellin' down the boulevard, you're lookin' for the heart of Saturday Night. You're going' barrellin' down the boulevard, you're lookin' for the heart of Saturday Night. You're barrellin' down the boulevard, you're lookin' for the heart of Saturday Night. [Intro]

## Papa Was A Rodeo

Magnetic Fields

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G/F#
                             G/E
                                          G/D
I like your twisted point of view, Mike
   I like your questioning eyebrows
You've made it pretty clear what you like
It's only fair to tell you now
                                      Em
\mathsf{Em}
   that I leave early in the morning
Am
   and I won't be back till next year
I see that kiss-me pucker forming
but maybe you should plug it with a beer, cause
Chorus:
  (C): Papa was a rodeo
  Mama was a rock'n'roll band
  I could play guitar and rope a steer
  before I learned to stand
  Home was anywhere with diesel gas
  Love was a trucker's hand
  Never stuck around long enough
  for a one-night stand
  Am
     Before you kiss me you should know
  C
    Papa was a rodeo.
The light reflecting off the mirror ball
looks like a thousand swirling eyes
They make me think I shouldn't be here at all
You know, every minute someone dies
What are we doing in this dive bar
How can you live in a place like this
Why don't you just get into my car
and I'll take you away I'll take that kiss now, but
[Chorus]
And now it's 55 years later
We've had the romance of the century
After all these years wrestling gators
I still feel like crying when I think of what you said to me
[Chorus]
What a coincidence, your Papa was a rodeo too
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#### Time to Get a Gun

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Fred Eaglesmith
                                Am
                                                                          G
My neighbour's car got stole last night, right out of his driveway
                                                                           G
                                Am
We heard the dogs a barking we never
                                     paid
                                             'em any mind
                                                                           G
Mary says she's gonna lock the door from now on when we go away
                                                                           D
And I've been walkin' around this farm wondering if it's time...
Chorus:
  D
                    G
                                                              \mathsf{Am}
  Time to get a gun that's what I've been thinking
  I could afford one if I did just a little less drinking
                                                                    Am
  Time to put something between me & the sun
  When the talking is over it's time to get a gun
Last week a government man was there
when I walked out of my back door
He said I'm sorry to bother ya son
But it don't matter anymore
Cause even while we're talking
right here where we stand
we're making plans for a 4-lane highway
and a big old overpass
[bridge]
Mary says she's worried about herself and kids
She's never known anybody had a gun
and her daddy never did
But I think it should be up to me
'Cause when it's all said and done
Somebody's gotta walk into the night
Well I'm gonna be that one
[chorus]
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#### This Year

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The Mountain Goats
A C#m D A
A E
       D A
(A)
                           C#m
I broke free on a saturday morning.
I put the pedal to the floor.
headed north on Mills avenue,
and listened to the engine roar.
my broken house behind me and good things ahead,
a girl named cathy wants a little of my time.
six cylinders underneath the hood crashing and kicking
ahhh listen to the engine whine.
Chorus:
                                      Esus4
  I am going to make it through this year if it kills me.
                                      Esus4
                                                  D
  I am going to make it through this year if it kills me.
I played video games in a drunken haze
I was seventeen years young
hurt my knuckles punching the machines
the taste of scotch rich on my tongue.
and then cathy showed up and we hung out.
trading swigs from the bottle all bitter and clean
locking eyes, holding hands,
twin high maintenance machines.
[Chorus]
Bridge:
I drove home in the california dusk.
        F#m
I could feel the alcohol inside of me hum.
picture the look on my stepfather's face,
ready for the bad things to come.
I downshifted as I pulled into the driveway.
the motor screaming out stuck in second gear.
the scene ends badly as you might imagine,
in a cavalcade of anger and fear.
there will be feasting and dancing in jerusalem next year.
[Chorus]
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## **Shop Vac**

[Chorus]

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Jonathan Coulton
We took the freeway out of town
В7
We found a place to settle down
                            G#
We bought a driveway and a swingset and a dog
                      Amaj7
You got your very own bathroom
                  Am7
I got my very own workshop in the basement, we sit around
       G#
              C#m
                     Α
                                                   Chorus:
Staring at the wall-to-wall, take
                                                            Ε
                                                                              В7
           G#
                  C#m A
                                                      If you need me, I'll be downstairs
Field trips to our favorite mall
                                                              F
                C#m
                        Α
                                                      With the shop vac
                                                                                        Ε
Waiting for the day when all the kids grow up and
                                                      You can call
leave us here
                                                      but I probably won't hear you
                                                                             B7sus4
                                                                                        B7
                                                      Because it's loud
Chorus
                                                      with the shop vac on
We hung a flag above the door
Checked out the gourmet grocery store
                                                      But you'll be OK,
I bought a mower I can ride around the yard
                                                              F
But we haven't got real friends
                                                      cause you'll be upstairs
And now even the fake ones
  have stopped calling... maybe if
                                                      With the TV
You forget to hide the keys, I'll
                                                                                       Ε
Take a ride to Applebee's, I'll
                                                      You can cry
Come home drunk on daiquiris and
Throw up on the neighbor's lawn
                                                      and I probably won't hear you
                                                                    В7
                                                                          E A
                                                                                      Ε
                                                      Because it's loud with the shop vac on
[Chorus]
I like the Starbucks here that's better than the other one
          G
Cause the other one's not as good
                          C#m7b5
They really need to put a light there cause it's hard to turn
It's hard to make a left turn
And when it's time to go to bed
I'm still awake inside my head
I'm floating up above the house and looking down
I guess I gotta go back there
I guess there never was any other answer, and as the
Freeway hums the cars go by, the
Headlights roll across the sky
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Many miles away but I can see them speeding through the dark

#### Shankhill Butchers

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The Decemberists
Intro: Am
Shankhill Butchers on the ride, you
better shut your windows tight. They're
Sharpening their cleavers and their knives, and
Taking all their whiskey by the pint.
Chorus:
  And everybody knows if you don't
  Mind your mother's words, oh
  wicked winds will blow
  the ribbons from your curls.
  Everybody moan, everybody shake, the
  Shankhill Butcher's wanna catch you awake
[Repeat Intro]
They used to be just like me and you
They used to be sweet little boys. But
Something went horribly askew, now
Killing is their only source of joy.
[Chorus]
The Shankhill Butchers on the rise
They're waiting in the dead of night.
They're picking at their fingers with their knives,
And cleaning off their cleavers on their thighs.
[Chorus]
The Shankhill Butchers gonna cut you
The Shankhill Butchers gonna catch you
Am - C
Awake
Am - C
Awake
Am - C
Awake
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[Chorus]

## **Divorce Song**

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Liz Phair
           G
And when I asked
      C
               G
For a separate room
       C
               G
It was late at night
And we'd been driving since noon
But if I'd known
How that would sound to you
I would have stayed in your bed
For the rest of my life, just to prove I was right
That it's harder to be friends than lovers
And you shouldn't try to mix the two
Because if you do it and you're still unhappy
Then you know that the problem is you
And it's true that I stole your lighter
And it's also true that I lost the map
But when you said that I wasn't worth talking to
I had to take your word on that
But if you'd known
How that would sound to me
You would've taken it back
                                             Gb
                                                     G
And boxed it up and buried it in the ground
Boxed it up and buried it in the ground
Boxed it up and buried it in the ground
Burned it up and thrown it away
You put in my hand, a loaded gun
and then told me not to fire it
When you did the things you said were up to me
And then accused me of trying to fuck it up
Chorus:
  But you've never been a waste of my time
  It's never been a drag
  So take a deep breath and count back from ten
  And maybe you'll be alright
And the license said you had to stick around
Until I was dead
But if you're tired of looking at my face
I guess I already am
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#### Red

#### Okkervil River

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G
                                                \mathsf{Am}
Red is my is my favorite color, red like your mother's eyes after awhile of
                            Am
Crying about how you don't love her. She says,
                        G
I know I don't deserve supervised sight of her, but each day becomes a blur
            F
                     Am F G
                 G
Without my daughter
Fall is my favorite season, like falling to reasoning why you crashed from on high.
She says "Why is my life so uneven,
And what have I done right but given you your life if after i led you on
Into that barroom
Into that barroom"
FLUTE SOLO!!:
                / C / G / F / C / G / % / % / % /
                / C / G / F / C / G / % / % / % /
                / C / G / F / C / % / % / F / % /
                / C / G / F / C / G / % / % / F G /
                                     \mathsf{Am}
Yes is my favorite answer. I took a dancer home, she felt so alone.
                 G
                                                \mathsf{Am}
                                                                F
We stayed up all night in the kitchen doing my dishes, on and on until dawn. She said
I know it's easy to have me,
But I have seen some things that I can't even tell to my family pictures. and
I'm full of fictions and fucking addictions and I miss my mother.
She'll never know I could never forget her. If I could write her a letter,
I'd try with every line to say
She still remembers your touch.
      \mathsf{Am}
                    G
And I know it's not much
 C
        G
                F
I know it's not much
      Am
And I know it's not much
but you still haven't lost her.
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