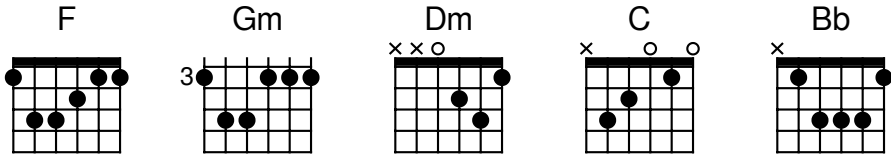


# Dirty Old Town

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Intro:

[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]  
(whistle)

[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]  
[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]

Verse 1:

Well, there are [F] sixteen people in [Gm] Danny's apartment  
[F] Sixteen people are [Gm] living in there  
[F] Remember the days of [Dm] rent control  
[C] Grandpa remembers [Bb] rock and roll //// (hold)

Pre-Chorus:

These [F] days won't last [Gm] forever  
These [F] days won't last for [Gm] long  
You know, [F] somebody somewhere [Gm] owes us a favor  
[F] That's how things really get [Gm] done  
In this [C] World of Oppor-[Bb]-tunities,  
it's a [C] Land of [Bb] Possibilities

Chorus:

[F] We wanna [Gm] live in a [C] dirty old [Bb] town  
[F] Building it [Gm] up, [C] tearing us [Bb] down  
With our [F] head in the [Gm] clouds and  
our [C] feet on the [Bb] ground  
[F] We wanna [Gm] live - - [Bb] (hold)  
dirty old (whistle) [F] [Gm] [Dm]  
Dirty old [F] town [Gm] [C]  
[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]

Verse 2:

Now when the [F] ladies come from [Gm] Kansas  
They [F] wear their traditional [Gm] colors  
[F] Today the fabrics are [Dm] ragged and torn  
The [C] clothes on their backs is [Bb]all that they own //// (hold)

They say, "[F] Don't draw attention [Gm] to yourself"  
They'll [F] tear you apart for a [Gm] couple of bucks  
[F] Keep you head down and [Dm] keep your nose clean  
"Cause [C] people who're scared do [Bb]dangerous things"

Pre-Chorus:

These [F] days can't last [Gm] forever  
These [F] days can't last for [Gm] long  
You know, [F] someday things will get [Gm] better  
[F] Somehow things will get [Gm] done  
In this [C] World of Possi-[Bb]-bilities,  
it's a [C] Land of Opport-[Bb]-unities

Chorus:

[F] We wanna [Gm] live in a [C] dirty old [Bb] town  
[F] Building it [Gm] up, [C] tearing us [Bb] down  
With our [F] head in the [Gm] clouds and  
our [C] feet on the [Bb] ground  
[F] We wanna [Gm] live - - [Bb](hold)  
dirty old (whistle) [F] [Gm] [Dm]  
Dirty old [F] town [Gm] [C]  
[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]

(2nd background melody)

[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]  
[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]  
[F] (hold)

More verses if you want:

Verse 3:

These days [F] ships are born only on [Gm]special occasions  
[F] Battles are fought for [Gm]family and nations  
[F] Maybe you'll pray but [Dm]god isn't home  
And there's [C] no guarantee that [Bb]justice be done

Chorus:

[F] We wanna [Gm] live in a [C] dirty old [Bb] town

[F] Building it [Gm] up, [C] tearing us [Bb] down

With our [F] head in the [Gm] clouds and

our [C] feet on the [Bb] ground

[F] We wanna [Gm] live - - [Bb](hold)

Dirty old [F] town [Gm] [Dm]

Dirty old [F] town [Gm] [C]

[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]

[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]

[F] [Gm] [Dm] [F] [Gm] [C]