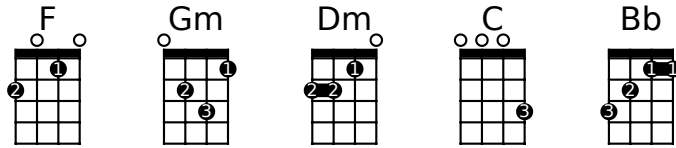


Dirty Old Town

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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]**