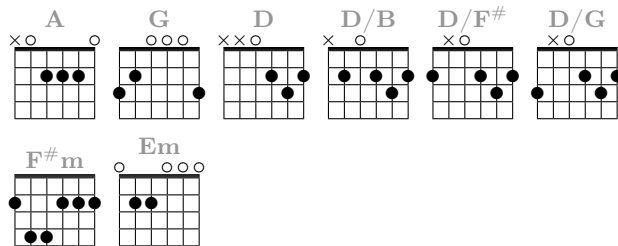


# Belle and Sebastian - The State I Am In



A G  
 I was surprised,  
 I was happy for a day in 1975  
 F#m Em  
 I was puzzled by a dream,  
 D G A G  
 stayed with me all day in 1995  
 F#m Em D  
 My brother had confessed he was gay  
 G A G  
 It took the heat off me for a while  
 F#m Em  
 He stood up with a sailor friend  
 D G  
 Made it known upon my sisters  
 A G F#m Em A  
 wedding day

A G  
 I got married in a rush  
 D G  
 to save a kid from being deported  
 A G  
 Now she's in love  
 F#m Em  
 I was so touched,  
 D G  
 I was moved to kick the crutches  
 A G  
 From my crippled friend  
 F#m Em  
 She was not impressed that  
 D G  
 I cured her on the Sabbath  
 A G  
 So I went to confess  
 D D/B  
 When she saw the funny side,  
 D/F# D/G  
 we introduced my child bride  
 A G  
 To whisky and gin  
 A G  
 Dear whiskey and gin

A G  
 The priest in the booth  
 D G  
 had a photographic memory  
 A G  
 For all he had heard  
 F#m Em  
 He took all of my sins  
 D G  
 and he wrote a pocket novel called  
 A G  
 "The State I Am In"  
 F#m Em  
 So I gave myself to God  
 D G  
 There was a pregnant pause  
 A G  
 before he said ok  
 D D/B  
 Now I spend my day turning  
 D/F# D/G  
 tables round in Marks and Spencer's  
 A G  
 They don't seem to mind

D  
 I gave myself to sin  
 F#m  
 I gave myself to Providence  
 C  
 And I've been there and back again  
 Em  
 The state that I am in  
 D  
 I gave myself to sin  
 F#m  
 I gave myself to Providence  
 C  
 And I've been there and back again  
 Em  
 The state that I am in

A G  
 Oh love of mine, would you  
 D G  
 condescend to help me  
 A G  
 I am stupid and blind  
 F#m Em D  
 Desperation is the Devil's work,  
 G A G  
 it is the folly of a boys empty mind  
 F#m Em  
 Now I'm feeling dangerous,  
 D G A G  
 riding on city buses for a hobby is sad  
 D D/B  
 Lead me to a living end  
 D/F# D/G A  
 I promised that I'd entertain my crippled friend  
 G  
 My crippled friend

[Chorus]