

**When I Fall
Barenaked Ladies**

When I Fall - Barenaked Ladies
>From the Album Born on a Pirate Ship

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CAPO 2 Chords indicated as capoed, not as absolute pitch)

INTRO: **D G A Bm D/F# G** (x2)

D G A Bm D/F# G
I look straight in the window, try not to look below

D G A E G
Pretend I m not up here, I try counting sheep

The sheep seem to shower, off this office tower
It s 9.8 straight down, I can t stop my knees.

CHORUS:

Bm A E G
I wish I could fly, from this building, from this wall.

Bm A E G
And if I should try, would you catch me, if I fall.

My hands clench the squeegee, a seclar rosary
Hang onto your wallet, hand onto your rings.
I can t look below me, something might throw me.
I curse at the windstorms, that October brings.

I look in the boardroom, a modern Pharaoh s tomb.
I d gladly swap places, if they care to dive
They line up at the window, peer down into limbo
Frightened of jumping, in case they survive.

G A
And I wish I could step, from this scaffold,

Bm D/F# E G
Onto soft green grass and shopping malls,

G A Bm A D

And bed, and my family, and my pastor and my grandfather

E G

Whose dead.

Look straight in the mirror, watch it come clearer

I look like a painter, behind all the grease.

But painting s creating, and I m just erasing

A crystal clear canvas, is my masterpiece.

CHORUS x2

If I fall... (repeat)

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