

Put The Book Back On The Shelf  
Belle and Sebastian

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By Belle & Sebastian

>From the EP 3... 6... 9... Seconds of Light  
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**E** **B**  
 Sebastian you re in a mess **F#m**

You had a dream, they called you king of all the hipsters,  
**C#m** **B**  
 is it true or are you still the queen?

**E** **B**  
 Like getting blood out of a stone **F#m**

The city left you lost and gone **C#m**

**B**  
 You came to dance, but there s no poignancy when they all leave you...  
**Ama j7** **Ema j7**  
 standing alone  
**Ama j7** **Ema j7**  
 standing alone  
**Ama j7** **Ema j7**  
**Ama j7** **C B**

**E** **B**  
 The wider issues of the day **F#m**

just pass you by, you re gonna pay **C#m** **B**

for looking at the floor when people talk to you.  
**E** **B**  
 You wrote a book about yourself **F#m**

The people left it on the shelf

You ll write another one

**C#m**

**B**

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

Now you ve got a story that s worth talking about.

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

talking about

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

talking about

**Ama j7**

**C**

**B**

(trumpet solo):

**F#m C#m F#m C#m G#m Ebm G#m Ebm**

**G#m F#m G#m F#m Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

**Ama j7**

Are you happy with yourself?

**Ema j7**

**Ama j7**

Are you talking to yourself?

**Ema j7**

**Ama j7**

Are you happy with yourself?

**Ema j7**

Put the book back on the shelf

**E**

**B**

I ve seen the company you keep

**F#m**

You re on the sofa hidden deep

**C#m**

**B**

While on the telly Sid James speaks you like God

**E**

**B**

You re always looking for a sign

**F#m**

But boy you blow it every time

**C#m**

You hear a voice begin to speak

**B**

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

You ignore it and go softly to sleep

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

softly to sleep

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

softly to sleep

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

**Ama j7**

**Ema j7**

**Ama j7**

Are you happy with yourself?

**Ema j7**

**Ama j7**

Are you happy with yourself?

**Ema j7**

**Ama j7**

Are you happy with yourself?

(continue same pattern until the end)

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