

Wishing The Days Away
Billy Bragg

Note: verse 3 appears on the alternate take on the bonus edition of Talking With the Taxman aAbout Poetry

Intro:

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 C F C G C C G

verse 1:

 C

On monday I wished it was tuesday night

 F G C

So I could wish for the weekend to come

 C

On tuesday I wished that the night would pass

 C G Am

So I could call you on the phone

 F C

Now a man can spend a lot of time

 Am C

Wondering what was on jack ruby s mind

 F Em Dm G

And time is all I have without you here

verse 2:

 C

On wednesday when you hung up

 F G C

It was as much as I could do

 C

To stop from wishing thursday

 C G Am

Would pass so quickly too

 F C

They re out there making history

 C F

In the lenin shipyards today

 F C Am

And here I am in the hammersmith hotel

G C

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verse 3:

 C

Wasn t it a shock to find

 F G C

The king was human too?

 C

Still I think he understands

C **G** **Am**
Much more of me than you do.

F **C**
It seems a proper shame to steal,

C **F**
His clothes but not his crown,

F **C** **Am**
Here I am in the Hammersmith hotel,

G **C**
Singing the government down

verse 4:

C
There s always room for one more soul

F **G** **C**
Down in the human zoo

C
I don t want you to come here though

C **G** **Am**
I want to come home to you

F **C**
Somebody s knocking at the door

C **F**
Its later than I think

F **C** **Am**
And it s time to put on these stinking clothes

G **C**
And get out there and stink

Verse 5:

C
On friday I wished there was something more

F **G** **C**
To be seen in the letters you send

C
On saturday I wished it was sunday

C **G** **Am**
Oh will this torment ever end

F **C** **F**
Sometimes I get a notion to put a torch

F
To the tools of my trade

F **C** **Am**
Here I am in the hammersmith hotel

G **C**
Wishing the days away