

**The Spine Song**  
**Cake Bake Betty**

**Am**  
and you re down  
**F**  
for the count  
**Am**  
you are dancing with men  
**F**  
going round and around  
**Am**  
and you re scared  
**F**  
and you re sure  
**Am**  
that your spine will dissolve  
**F**  
you will fall to the floor  
**Am**  
you will take  
**F**  
what you need  
**Am**  
and the headaches will come  
**F**  
but at least you can breathe  
**Am**  
as the smoke  
**F**  
fills your lungs  
**Am**  
we will wait for the day  
**F**  
we ll rejoice when it comes

**C**  
on your birthday  
**G**  
you woke up  
**Am** **F**  
the snow was on the ground  
**C** **G**  
you opened books and peeked inside  
**Am** **F**  
they kissed you on your crown  
**C** **G**  
with pins in your fingers  
**Am** **F**

you held yourself up high

**C**

**G**

the picture peeled the person

**Am**

**F**

they let themselves divide

**Am**

you arrive

**F**

at the place

**Am**

it is not what you want

**F**

but it is what you chase

**Am**

so you don't

**F**

have to hold

**Am**

all of the candles

**F**

that burn on their own

**Am**

you will steal

**F**

all the smells

**Am**

**F**

that cut through your nose and inside on your cells

**Am**

when it's time

**F**

to escape

**Am**

**F**

you realize you've waited until it's too late

**C**

but your birthday

**G**

inflated

**Am**

**F**

the bones with which you creak

**C**

**F**

they stole your shoes and brought you to

**Am**

**F**

the caverns of their teeth

**C**

you pleaded

**G**

oh kind sir

**Am**

**F**

please let me say goodbye

**C** **G**  
your soul ripped from your stomach

**Am** **F**  
you gave an awful cry

**F**  
**A** cry

**F**  
**A** cry

**F**  
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**C** **G** **F**  
and when I have died

**C** **G** **F**  
will you use my spine

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to swing from tree to tree in search of  
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I said  
**Am F**  
I m sorry dear  
**C G**  
I said  
**Am F**

I m sorry dear

**C**

**G**

**Am**

**F**

but you don t listen

**C**

**G**

no you don t listen

**Am**

**F**

you silly little girl