

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
A cry

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

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

C **G** **F**
to swing from tree to tree in search of

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C G
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