

Crooked Road And The Briar  
Calexico

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This sounds fine tuned normal but you can play it open D if you want it to sound exactly like the song.

**Dm Bb Dm**

**Dm**  
Down the crooked road a ways  
**Bb** **Dm**  
A child s shadow hiding in the Briar

**F** **Dm** **F** **Dm**  
Tending to a twisted heart  
**Bb** **Gm**  
that s bent and broken  
**Bb** **Gm**  
wounded and abandoned  
**A7** **Dm**  
left amongst the rotted root to rot

**Dm Bb Dm**

**Dm**  
Moon, crimson moon  
**Bb** **Dm**  
Rose Marie s walking down the crooked road a ways

**F** **Dm F** **Dm**  
All aglow, her fair white skin  
**Bb** **Gm** **Bb** **Gm**  
Portrait of beauty, angel to many  
**F** **Dm F** **Dm**  
Hears the hush crying from the briar  
**Bb** **Gm Bb** **Gm**  
Reaches in her hand to see what s the matter  
**C** **Gm**  
and is dragged through the darkness  
**C** **Gm**

beneath the lonely cypress

**Bb**

**Gm**

The town's beloved daughter

**Bb**

**Gm**

carried to her death in the turbid waters

**A7**

**Dm**

and set afloat downstream

**Dm Bb Dm**

**F**

**Dm F**

**Dm**

Whole town erupts, bursts into flame

**Bb**

**Gm**

**Bb**

**Gm**

Parties go a-searching down the crooked road a ways

**F**

**Dm**

**F**

**Dm**

Find old Rufus there drunk and asleep

**Bb**

**Gm**

**Bb**

**Gm**

Fishing by the water must have killed our beloved daughter

**F**

**Dm F**

**Dm**

Can't hold back these waves of anger

**Bb**

**Gm**

Tie a rope around his neck

**Bb**

**Gm**

See if he still hollers

**A7**

**Dm**

Another innocent soul hangs over the briar

**Dm Dm Dm**