

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.

**Cm G# Cm**

**Cm**  
Down the crooked road a ways  
**G# Cm**  
A child s shadow hiding in the Briar

**Eb Cm Eb Cm**  
Tending to a twisted heart  
**G# Fm**  
that s bent and broken  
**G# Fm**  
wounded and abandoned  
**G7 Cm**  
left amongst the rotted root to rot

**Cm G# Cm**

**Cm**  
Moon, crimson moon  
**G# Cm**  
Rose Marie s walking down the crooked road a ways

**Eb Cm Eb Cm**  
All aglow, her fair white skin  
**G# Fm G# Fm**  
Portrait of beauty, angel to many  
**Eb Cm Eb Cm**  
Hears the hush crying from the briar  
**G# Fm G# Fm**  
Reaches in her hand to see what s the matter  
**Bb Fm**  
and is dragged through the darkness  
**Bb Fm**

beneath the lonely cypress

**G#**

**Fm**

The town's beloved daughter

**G#**

**Fm**

carried to her death in the turbid waters

**G7**

**Cm**

and set afloat downstream

**Cm G# Cm**

**Eb**

**Cm Eb**

**Cm**

Whole town erupts, bursts into flame

**G#**

**Fm**

**G#**

**Fm**

Parties go a-searching down the crooked road a ways

**Eb**

**Cm**

**Eb**

**Cm**

Find old Rufus there drunk and asleep

**G#**

**Fm**

**G#**

**Fm**

Fishing by the water must have killed our beloved daughter

**Eb**

**Cm Eb**

**Cm**

Can't hold back these waves of anger

**G#**

**Fm**

Tie a rope around his neck

**G#**

**Fm**

See if he still hollers

**G7**

**Cm**

Another innocent soul hangs over the briar

**Cm Cm Cm**