

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.

**Em C Em**

**Em**  
Down the crooked road a ways  
**C** **Em**  
A child s shadow hiding in the Briar

**G Em G Em**  
Tending to a twisted heart  
**C Am**  
that s bent and broken  
**C Am**  
wounded and abandoned  
**B7 Em**  
left amongst the rotted root to rot

**Em C Em**

**Em**  
Moon, crimson moon  
**C Em**  
Rose Marie s walking down the crooked road a ways

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

beneath the lonely cypress

**C** **Am**

The town's beloved daughter

**C** **Am**

carried to her death in the turbid waters

**B7** **Em**

and set afloat downstream

**Em C Em**

**G** **Em G** **Em**  
Whole town erupts, bursts into flame

**C** **Am** **C** **Am**

Parties go a-searching down the crooked road a ways

**G** **Em** **G** **Em**

Find old Rufus there drunk and asleep

**C** **Am** **C** **Am**

Fishing by the water must have killed our beloved daughter

**G** **Em G** **Em**

Can't hold back these waves of anger

**C** **Am**

Tie a rope around his neck

**C** **Am**

See if he still hollers

**B7** **Em**

Another innocent soul hangs over the briar

**Em Em Em**