

**This Is The Deal**

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Capo: III

(Clive uses an open Bm7 shape mostly in this, like a B7 with the second finger taken off so the open D gives the minor third)

INTRO: **Em** " **Cma7** - **Em** " **Cma7** " **Bm7** " **G** - **Bm7** " **G** - **D** " **D(C)** " **D(B)** " **D(A)**

Now this is the deal, an iron will and nerves of steel  
A silver tongue, a sterling heart, a clear head when the trouble starts  
As love turns to fear she flinches every time he s near  
The mystery is all too real, this is the deal

Here is the catch, a man who s never met his match  
Swears that might is always right, won t give up without a fight  
Who can t hold his drink, who never even tries to think  
The cellar door is off the latch, here is the catch

Punch bag or sleeping bag, is there any choice  
She must pay attention when she hears her master s voice  
And though the kids are sleeping with their fingers in their ears  
They recognise their father laughing at their mother s tears

Between the blows, a blackened eye, a bloody nose  
Tries to hold a shaking hand, tries her best to understand  
Between the sheets he makes demands she tries to meet  
She turns the thorn into a rose between the blows

INSTR VERSE

**F** **C** **Cm** **G**

No second honeymoon, no seven year itch  
**Am** **D**  
Spends their anniversaries face down in a ditch  
**F** **C** **Cm** **G**  
No birthday celebrations, no holiday each year  
**Am** **D**  
No ceasefire at Christmas when he drowns himself in beer

**Am** **D** **Bm7** **Em7**  
So this is the deal, another day another meal  
**Am** **D** **Bm7** **Em7**  
Another night sat by the phone, it hurts her less to be alone  
**Am** **D** **Bm7** **Em7**  
Is this married life, what does it take to be a wife?  
**Am** **D** **G**  
A butterfly tied to a wheel, this is the deal  
**Am** **D** **G**  
An iron will and nerves of steel, this is the deal  
**Am** **D** **Em7**  
The mystery is all too real, this is the deal.

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