Common Knowledge Conor Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band This might not be the exact chords but it works fairly well. This is an as of yet unreleased track from Conor. [C] [G] He's my friend but he's no friend to me [C] [G] Ask him why, he'll tell you casually [F] Washed up, bitter, broken, busted [G] Backstabbed everyone he trusted [C] [F] Says he sees what no one else can see [G] And if I had half his guts I'd want it [F] To chase that fatalistic comet [C] [F] Die young in the dark; that's poetry [G] [C] But it was not for me, it was not to be

He's always sad but I've never seen him cry When he comes to, sure he'll apologise Find his car, asses the damage Still drunk but he likes the challenge Hold on to his mind just like a kite But a good strong win can keep you honest Fill you with some common knowledge Things when we were young we never tried Just figured we had time with such a long life

Money clips Alligator shoes One more dance he's in that champagne room She moves like a chocolate fountain Pouring, spilling all around him Makes him wonder what else she can do How bitter sweet is loves illusion Feelings that can not be proven Trust me you'll see my aim is true I've done this all for you, I've suffered long for you

So many times he's tried to play it straight Worked and worked until his body ached But a brand new life can lose its lustre Troubles tend to find each other Call it luck or you can call it fate But either way it's how it happens Not the way that you imagined Or go out with a bang like Hemmingway Some will say you're brave