

The Ballad Of A Crystal Man
Donovan

...THE BALLAD OF A CRYSTAL MAN... by Donovan
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from Fairytale (1965)

CAPO 4th FRET

(Original Key: **B**)

Intro:

G C, G D (x4)

Verse 1:

G **C**
Walk along and talk along,
G **D** **G C, G D**
And live your lives quite freely.
G **C**
But leave our children with their toys,
G **D** **G C, G D**
Of peppermint and candy.
G **C**
For seagull, I don t want your wings,
G **D** **G**
I don t want your freedom, in a lie.

Verse 2:

G **C**
Your thoughts they are of harlequin,
G **D** **G C, G D**
Your speeches of quick-silver.
G **C**
I read your faces like a poem,
G **D** **G C, G D**
Ka-leidoscope of hate words.
G **C**
For seagull, I don t want your wings,
G **D** **G**
I don t want your freedom, in a lie.

Verse 3:

G **C**
On the quilted battle-fields of soldiers,

G **D** **G C, G D**

Dazzling made of toy tin.

G **C**
The big bomb, like a child's hand,

G **D** **G C, G D**
Could sweep them dead just so to win.

G **C**
For seagull, I don't want your wings,

G **D** **G**
I don't want your freedom, in a lie.

Verse 4:

G **C**
As you fill your glasses,
G **D** **G C, G D**
With the wine of murdered Negroes.

G **C**
Thinking not of beauty that,
G **D** **G C, G D**
Spreads like morning sun-glow.

G **C**
Seagull, I don't want your wings,
G **D** **G**
I don't want your freedom, in a lie.

Verse 5:

G **C**
I pray your dreams of vivid screams,
G **D** **G C, G D**
Of children dying slowly.

G **C**
And as you polish up your guns,
G **D** **G C, G D**
Your real self be re-flecting.

G **C**
For seagull, I don't want your wings,
G **D** **G**
I don't want your freedom, in a lie.

Interlude:

G C, G D (x4)

Verse 6:

G **C**
Vietnam; your latest game,
G **D** **G C, G D**
You're playing with your blackest Queen.

