

**Solitary Shell**  
**Dream Theater**

G#min6

E|-0--|

B|-0--|

G|-4--|

D|-6--|

A|----|

E|-4--|

**Emaj7**

E|-0--|

B|-0--|

G|-9--|

D|-9--|

A|-6--|

E|----|

[Intro]

**C# B E Emaj7 G#min6**|x8

**C# B G#**

He seemed no different from the rest

**C# B E**

Just a healthy normal boy

**C# B G#**

His mama always did her best

**C# B E**

And he was his daddy s pride and joy

**C# B G#**

He learned to walk and talk on time

**C# B E**

But never cared much to be held

**C# B G#**

And steadily he would decline

**C# B E**

Into his solitary shell.

**B**

**A**

**E**

As a boy, he was considered somewhat odd.

**B**

**A**

**E**

Kept to himself most of the time.

**B**

**A**

**E**

He would daydream in and out of his own world,

**A**

**B**

But in every other way, he was fine.

**E**

He s a Monday morning lunatic

**B**

Disturbed from time to time.

**A**

Lost within himself

**E B**

In his solitary shell.

**E**

Temporary catatonic

**B**

Madman on occasion

**A**

When will he break out

**E B E**

Of his solitary shell?

|C# B E Emaj7 G#min6|x4

**C# B G#**

He struggled to get through his day

**C# B E**

He was helplessly behind

**C# B G#**

He poured himself onto the page

**C# B E**

Writing for hours at a time.

**B A E**

As a man, he was a danger to himself.

**B A E**

Fearful and sad most of the time.

**B A E**

He was drifting in and out of sanity.

**A B**

But in every other way, he was fine.

**E**

He s a Monday morning lunatic

**B**

Disturbed from time to time

**A**

Lost within himself

**E B**

In his solitary shell

**E**

A momentary maniac

**B**

with casual delusions.

**A**

When will he be let out

**E B**

Of his solitary shell?

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