

Ballad Of Big Nothing  
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[Intro]

C                  Am                  C                  Am

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e |-----|
B |-----|
G |-----|
D |---10\2-2-2---10\2-2-2-2-2-2-0-2-----10\2-2-2-2-2-2--0-
A |-----|
E |-----|

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Fm                          G

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-----5-7-9-10-12-12-|
-----3-5-3-5-----|
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[Verse 1]

**G**  
Throwing candy out to the crowd

**C**                          **D**  
Dragging down the main

**G**  
The helpless little thing with the dirty mouth

**C**                                  **F**  
Who s always got something to say

**G**  
You re sitting at home now

**C**                                  **D**  
Waiting for your brother to call

**Dm**                          **G**  
I saw him down at the alley

**Fm**                                  **G**  
Having had enough of it all

[Chorus]

C                                  Am                                  Fm Dm Fm G

Said you can do what you want to whenever you want to

C                                  Am                                  Fm Dm Fm G

You can do what you want to, there s no one to stop you

[Verse 2]

**G**                                  **C**

All spit and spite, you re up all night

**D**

And down every day

**G**

A tired man with only hours to go

**C**

**F**

Just waiting to be taken away

**G**

Getting into the back of a car

**C**

**D**

For candy from some stranger

**Dm**

**G**

**Fm**

watching the parade with pinpoint eyes

**G**

Full of smoldering anger

[Chorus]

**C**

**Am**

**Fm Dm Fm G**

You can do what you want to whenever you want to

**C**

**Am**

**Fm Dm Fm G**

You can do what you want to, there s no one to stop you

**C**

**Am**

Now you can do what you want to whenever you want to

**C**

**Am**

Do what you want to whenever you want to

**G**

**E**

Do what you want to whenever you want to

**Am**

**D**

Though it doesn t mean a thing

**F**

**Fm**

Big nothing

[Ending]

(Repeat the intro and finish with a C chord)