

Ballad Of Big Nothing
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[Intro]

 C Am C Am

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|-----

 Fm G

-----5-7-9-10-12-12-|
-----3-5-3-5-----|
---3-----|
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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)