

**Bessie Smith**  
**Emily Jane White**

Emily Jane White - Bessie Smith

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(Standard Tuning, No Capo)

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| Chords |
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| Dm   xx0231 |
| G    320033 |
| G6   650066 |
| G5   540055 |
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Intro picking pattern:

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Dm
|-----1- |
|---3-----|
|----0h2---| x7
|-0-----|
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Verse picking pattern:

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Dm                G                G6                G5
|-----1-----1-----3-----3-----6-----6-----5-----5-|
|---3-----3-----3-----3-----6-----6-----5-----5-|
|----0h2-----0h2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-|
|-0-----0-----|
|-----2-----5-----4-----|
|-----3-----6-----5-----|
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Dm                G                G6                G5
|-----1-----1-----3-----3-----6-----6-----5-----5-|
|---3-----3-----3-----3-----6-----6-----5-----5-|
|----0h2-----0h2-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-|
|-0-----0-----|
|-----2-----5-----4-----|
|-----3-----6-----5-----|
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Dm
|-----1-----1-----1-----1- |
|---3-----3-----3-----3-----| (You only play this when the
|----0h2-----0h2-----0h2-----0h2-| sentence ends in a Dm Chord)
|-0-----0-----0-----0-----|
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Best of luck! And here s the song:

Intro:

**Dm** hammer on x7

Verse:

**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
I said oh oh, Bessie Smith why do you hang your head so low?  
**G6**                    **G5**                    **G6**                    **G5**                    **Dm**  
I would die in heaven, I would die in heaven just to meet your soul  
**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
I said oh oh, Bessie Smith why do you hang your head so low?  
**G6**                    **G5**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
I would die in heaven, I would die in heaven just to meet you

**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
Shot to the ego boy it s where this knife runs through  
**G6**                    **G5**                    **Dm**  
Three wise men call Bessie down for a dual  
**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
Shot to the ego boy it s where this knife runs through  
**G6**                    **G5**                    **Dm**  
Three wise men call Bessie down for a dual

**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
I said oh oh, father lay me down  
**G6 G5**                    **Dm**  
Down on this sunken ground  
**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
I said oh oh, father lay me down  
**G6 G5**                    **Dm**  
Down on this sunken ground

(Starts escalating downward strumming)

**Dm G G6 G5** x2

**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
But she s got a crucifix hidin way down in this pit, oh  
**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
If you wish to call her out. Call her with your bravest shout

(Then calmer strumming)

**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
I said oh oh, father lay me down  
**G6 G5**                    **Dm** (hammer ons while strumming)  
Down on this sunken ground  
**Dm**                    **G**                    **G6**                    **G5**  
I said oh oh, father lay me down  
**G6 G5**                    **Dm**  
Down on this sunken ground

(Back to picking)

**Dm**                    **G**                                    **G6**                                    **G5**  
 I said oh oh, Bessie Smith why do you hang your head so low?  
**G6**                    **G5**                    **G6**                                    **G5**  
 I would die in heaven, I would die in heaven,  
**G6**                    **G5**  
 I would die in heaven just to meet your soul

Outro:

**Dm**  
 |-----1-----1---3---1-|  
 |---3-----3-----3---3-|  
 |-----0h2-----0h2-----2---2-|  
-0-----0-----0---0-
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Thanks to Emily Jane White!