

**Present Tense**

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Intro: **Bm**

(Occasionally hammer on and off from the D, G, and B strings. This may not be right, but it sounds alright.)

**Bm** **G**  
Naked and retched and retching on a hotel bathroom floor,  
**A**  
somewhere in the City  
**Bm** **G**  
Three days no sleeping, not eating, not feeling good anymore  
**A** **Em** **G**  
Drenched in sweat and self-pity now, it s not a pretty sight

**G** **A** **Bm** **G**  
What to say in my defense,  
**G** **A** **Bm**  
I was imperfect tense  
**G** **A** **D** **A**  
**G** **Em**  
Used to have such balance, but I don t know where it went  
**Em** **A** **Bm**  
So won t you be my present sense

**Bm**  
(Occasionally hammer on and off from 4th fret to 2nd on the D string)

**Bm** **G**  
Breaking, I m shaking, it s taking a long long time  
**A**  
To come down off this murderous medication  
**Bm** **G**  
Trying to remember, my reasons for running myself  
**A** **Em** **G**  
into the ground with such dedication

**G** **A** **Bm** **G**  
What to say in my defense,  
**G** **A** **Bm**  
I was imperfect tense  
**G** **A** **D** **A**  
**G** **Em**  
Used to have such balance, but I don t know where it went  
**Em** **A** **Cadd9--A** **Em7--A**  
So won t you be my present sense, sense

**Bm A G D A**

Cos it s not meant to be

**D G Bm A G**

I am lost at sea

**Em D A G A**

So mermaids sing to me

**D**

Of the better times and the things that can be

**Bm**

Like the diamonds in the Mediterranean sea

**D**

Or the beatings and sleeping and times that I took

**Bm**

And of washing the drink and the drugs from my blood

**G**

**A**

And I ve nothing to say in my defense

**G**

**A**

I m far from perfect I m still tense

**G**

**A**

They say that love can change you once

**G**

**A**

Please say that love can change me once

**G**

Come on change me

End on G