

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