

Persevere

Gang Of Youths

Dave's acoustic version here is intense and awesome:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhI8IMQtup8>

The chords sound best if you get the hammer-on's going on the C, Am and F chords in the verse

(Hammer-on/pull-off on the middle note in each chord)

[Verse 1]

C **G** **G7** **Am** **F**
I never got to kiss your head, ah, Emme
C **G** **F**
And the call came the week I got divorced
C **G** **Am** **F**
I thought I had a real understanding then of loss
C **G** **F**
But I didn't know a thing til you were gone
C **G** **Am** **F**
And I'm tired of trying to find some sort of meaningful thing
C **G** **F**
In making sense of such unspeakable loss
C **G** **Am** **F**
But as I'm staring at your folks, the sweetest people I know
C **G** **F**
I get a glimpse of what it is to be strong
C **G** **F**
Just holding hands and sobbing with sunglasses on

[Chorus]

F **C** **F** **C**
Cause nothing tuned me in to absurdity as fast
F **C** **Am** **G**
As a gravestone with the name of a baby that has passed
F **C** **Am** **G**
I used to wanna be important, now I just wanna be alive
F **G**
And without fear

You got to persevere

[Instrumental]

C **G** **G7** **Am** **F**

C **G** **F**

(x2)

[Verse 2]

C **G** **G7** **Am** **F**
I couldn't count the times I've ragged on heaven
C **G** **F**
As an opiate invented by the weak
C **G** **F** **C**
It's an argument I hate 'cause I'm content to love the fates
C **G** **F**
But it comes up a lot with Emmie's dad and me
C **G** **Am** **F**
So I'm shotgun in the car and we're just shooting the shit
C **G** **F**
And predictably, the talking turns to God
C **G** **Am** **F**
So I throw him forty lines how I don't think he exists
C **G** **F**
And he just smiles and takes a dignified pause
C **G** **F**
Says,