

The Way It Goes
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Capo 1

[Verse 1]

Em
Becky Johnson bought the farm

Em
Put a needle in her arm

B7
That s the way that it goes

Em
That s the way

Em
And her brother laid her down

Em
In the cold Kentucky ground

B7
That s the way that it goes

Em
That s the way

[Chorus]

G **Em**
That s the way that it goes

C **G** **D**
Everybody s buying little baby clothes

G **Em**
That s the way that it ends

C **B7** **Em**
Though there was a time when she and I were friends

[Verse 2]

Em
Well, Miranda ran away

Em
Took her cat and left LA

B7
That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

Em

She was busted, broke and flat

Em

Had to sell that pussy cat

B7

That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

[Chorus]

G

Em

That s the way that it goes

C

G

D

Everybody s buying little baby clothes

G

Em

That s the way that it ends

C

B7

Em

Though there was a time when he and I were friends

[Verse 3]

Em

See the brightest ones of all

Em

Early in October fall

B7

That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

Em

While the dark ones go to bed

Em

With good whiskey in their head

B7

That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

Em

Now Billy Joe s back in the tank

Em

You tell Russo, I ll tell Frank

B7

That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

Em

Did he throw her down a well?

Em

Did she leave him for that swell?

B7

That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

[Chorus]

G

Em

That s the way that it goes

C

G

D

Everybody s buying little baby clothes

G

Em

That s the way that it ends

C

B7

Em

Though there was a time when all of us were friends

[Verse]

Em

When you lay me down to rest

Em

Leave a pistol in my vest

B7

That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

Em

Do you miss my gentle touch?

Em

Did I hurt you very much?

B7

That s the way that it goes

Em

That s the way

[Chorus]

G

Em

That s the way that it goes

C

G

D

Everybody s buying little baby clothes

G

Em

That s the way that it ends

C

B7

Em

Though there was a time when you and I were friends