

Hammer And A Nail  
Indigo Girls

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HAMMER AND A NAIL (Emily Saliers)

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[Actually in B; capo 4.]

[Each chord is about half a measure, except in the instrumental parts.

Ds is really Dsus4; Cs9 is Csus9.]

[See the tablature at the end of the file for chord fingerings in the verse.]

G Ds Em7|Em7 C(9) G|G Ds Cs9|Cs9 | G Ds Em7|Em7 C(9) G|G Ds Cs9|Cs9 |  
[intro; see tab at bottom]

G Dsus Em7 C(9) G Dsus Em7 C(9)  
Clearing webs from a hovel a blistered hand on the handle of a shovel  
G Dsus Em7 Em7 Csus9 Csus9 Csus9 Csus9  
I ve been digging too deep, I always do  
G Dsus Em7 C(9) G Dsus Em7 C(9)  
I see my face on the surface; I look a lot like Narcissus  
G Dsus Em7 Em7 Csus9 Csus9 Csus9 Csus9  
A dark abyss of an emptiness standing on the edge of a drowning blue

Em9 Em9 C(9) C(9) Em9 Em9 C(9) C(9)/B  
I look behind my ears for the green, and even my sweat smells clean  
Am Am/B C A D D(9)/C G/B G/D  
Glare off the white hurts my eyes Gotta get out of

G D C(9) D G D C(9) D  
bed, get a hammer and a nail, learn how to use my hands; Not just my  
G D C(9) C(9) Am Am Em7 Em7  
head, I ll think myself into jail; Now I know a refuge never grows from a chin  
C C A A C(9) C(9) C(9) C(9)  
in a hand in a thoughtful pose; Gotta tend the earth if you want a rose

G Ds Em7|Em7 C(9) G|G Ds Cs9|Cs9 |  
[instrumental, same as intro]

I had a lot of good intentions; sit around for fifty years and then  
collect a pension  
Started seeing the road to hell and just where it starts  
But my life is more than a vision; the sweetest part is acting after  
making a decision  
I started seeing the whole as a sum of its parts

I look behind my ears for the green, and even my sweat smells clean  
Glare off the white hurts my eyes

Gotta get out of bed, get a hammer and a nail, learn how to use my hands  
 Not just my head, I ll think myself into jail; now I know a refuge never grows  
 From a chin in a hand in a thoughtful pose  
 Gotta tend the earth if you want a rose

My life is part of the global life; I d found myself becoming more immobile  
 When I d think a little girl in the world can t do anything  
 A distant nation my community, a street person my responsibility  
 If I have a care in the world I have a gift to bring

I look behind my ears for the green, and even my sweat smells clean  
 Glare off the white hurts my eyes  
 Gotta get out of bed, get a hammer and a nail, learn how to use my hands  
 Not just my head, I ll think myself into jail; now I know a refuge never grows  
 From a chin in a hand in a thoughtful pose  
 Gotta tend the earth if you want a rose

G G/F# | G/F | C | Cm | G | D | G C | G.  
 [ending; see below]

INTRO:

G	Ds	Em7	C(9)	G	Ds	Csus9
E 3---3---x-3---3-	----	3---x-3---3-	----	3---x-3---3-	----	3-----
B 3---3---x-3---3-	----	3---x-3---3-	----	3---x-3---3-	----	3-----
G 0---0---x-2---0-	----	0---x-0---0-	----	0---x-2---5-	----	5-----
D 0---0---x-0---2-	----	0---x-2---0-	----	0---x-0---5-	----	5-----
A 2---2---x-0---2-	----	2---x-3---2-	----	2---x-0---3-	----	3-----
E 3---3---0-----0-	----	0-----3-	----	3-----	----	-----
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[Note that for most of this, your ring and pinky fingers never move.]  
 [If you don t like barre chords, play Csus9 as x30033.]

ENDING:

G	G/F#	G/F	C	Cm
E -----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B -----	3-----3-----3---	3---3---3=5-3---	1-----0-1---1---	1-----1=3-1---
G -----	4-----4-----4-----	--4-----	---2-----	-----0-----
D 5-----	--5-----4-----4-	3-----3-----	2-----	1---1-----
A -----	-----	-----	-----	-----
E -----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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G	D	G	C	G
E -----	-----	-----3-----	3-----	3-----
B 0-----	-----0-	-----3-----	-----1---	3-----
G -----	-----0-----	--2-----4=2-0=2-	0-----	0-----
D 0---0-0=2---2---	0-----0-----	-----0-0=2-----	0-----	0-----
A -----	-----	-----	-----	2-----
A -----	-----	-----	-----	3-----
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- Adam Schneider, \*