

Biting Your Tail  
Iron & Wine

SONG: Biting Your Tail  
ARTIST: Iron and Wine  
ALBUM: Walking far from Home [Single]

STANDARD TUNING, NO CAPO

**E**  
may your eyes be wide and seeing

**A**  
may your learn from the view where you re kneeling

**E**  
know the fear of the world that you re feeling

**B**  
is the fear of a slave

E  
may you know how the fight was started

A  
want as much for the snake as the garden

E  
wear them both like a glove

B  
that you can wave

**E** may your mouth betray your wisdom  
**A** may you get what they fail to mention  
**E** may your love be your only religion  
**B** preach it to us all

E  
may you lose what you offer gladly  
A  
may you worship the time and it s passing  
E  
B  
stars won t ever wait for you  
E  
to watch them fall

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C#m
    we re the smoke on a burnt horizon
A
    we re a boat on a tide that s rising
E
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both the post and the pig you re untying

**B**

butcher gone for the blade

**C#m**

someday we may all be happy

**A**

someday all make a face worth slapping

**E**

someday we may be shocked to be laughing

**B**

at the way you behave

**E**

may your hands be strong and willing

**A**

may you know when to speak and to listen

**E**

may you find every friend that you re missing

**B**

there s no check in the mail

**E**

may you end up bruised and purple

**A**

know that peace is the shape of a circle

**E**

**B**

round and round you go

**E**

biting your tail

(synth part: **E A E B E**)

**C#m**

we re the journey and the wind is whipping

**A**

short hands on the clock still ticking

**E**

both the egg and the red fox grinning

**B**

his belly full for the day

**C#m**

someday we may all want nothing

**A**

and all forget that we ll get whats coming

**E**

someday all say the world was something

**B**

that we just couldnt change

**E**

may your tongue be soft and wicked

**A**

know your part in the calf and the killing

**E**

see straight through the captain you re kissing

**B**

helm lose in his hand

**E**

may your words be well worth stealing

**A**

put your hand on your heart while singing

**E**

**B**

choirs sick of the song

**E**

but they still gotta stand