

**Hows Tricks**  
**Jack Bruce**

*Intro*

**Am E Am Am E Am**  
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*verse 1*

**Am Fmaj7 E**

The white hand in the darkened house

**Dm C6 Am E Am**

Rings a bell that makes the guests drop their cases in fright

**Am Fmaj7 E**

A face that seems to laugh alone

**Dm C6 Am E Am**

Sits in the flames that warm the frozen stretches of night

*Bridge 1*

**C Dm**

The skeleton that smokes, his head half guillotined

**E F**

Sits there telling jokes, about places he has cleaned

**C G**

How s tricks? How s tricks?

**Bb F Am E Am Am E Am**

What kicks! It sticks! Loud ticks

*verse 2*

**Am Fmaj7 E**

The bow tie and the question mark

**Dm C6 Am E Am**

Set sail to beat the cards that rain around the *Chorus* girls

**Am Fmaj7 E**

The bullets from the golden gun

**Dm C6 Am E Am**

Appear to penetrate the flesh below the golden curls

*Bridge 2*

**C Dm**

Inside the clear white box, lies a nervous bathing belle

E F  
She hope s he ll find the locks, that free her from the world

C G  
How s tricks? How s tricks?  
Bb F Am E Am Am E Am  
What kicks! It sticks! Loud ticks

*verse 3*

Am Fmaj7 E  
The rabbit with the faded smile  
Dm C6 Am E Am  
Is listening to the artist playing in the mirrored room  
Am Fmaj7 E  
The albums of forgotten songs  
Dm C6 Am E Am  
Grow dusty in the floodlit shelves somewhere below the moon

*Bridge 3*

C D  
Owls sit on the letters, of his last name in lights  
E F  
Demons and pacesetters, they laugh into the night

C G  
How s tricks? How s tricks?  
Bb F  
What kicks! It sticks!  
C G  
How s tricks? How s tricks?  
Bb F  
What kicks! It sticks!  
C G  
How s tricks? How s tricks?  
Bb F  
What kicks! It sticks!  
C G  
How s tricks? How s tricks?  
Bb F  
What kicks! It sticks!

*Instrumental*

C G Bb F C G Bb F

C G Bb F C G Bb F

C G Bb F C G Bb F

*Outro*

Am E Am Am E Am

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