

**Love Is Just A Four Letter Word**

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LOVE IS JUST A FOUR-LETTER WORD

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[Intro]

**G**

[Verse 1]

**D**

Seems like only yesterday

**Em**

I left my mind behind

**D**

Down in the Gypsy Cafe

**Em**

With a friend of a friend of mine

**D**

**Am**

She sat with a baby heavy on her knee

**D**

**Am**

Yet spoke of life most free from slavery

**D**

**Am**

With eyes that showed no trace of misery

**D**

**Am**

A phrase in connection first with she

**C D**

I heard

**D7**

**G**

That love is just a four-letter word

[Verse 2]

**D**

Outside a rambling store-front window

**Em**

Cats meowed to the break of day

**D**

Me, I kept my mouth shut, too

**Em**

To you I had no words to say

**D**

**Am**

My experience was limited and underfed

**D**

**Am**

You were talking while I hid

**D**

**Am**

To the one who was the father of your kid

**D**

**Am**

**C**

**D**

You probably didn't think I did, but I heard

**G**

You say that love is just a four-letter word

[Verse 3]

**D**

I said goodbye unnoticed

**Em**

Pushed towards things in my own games

**D**

Drifting in and out of lifetimes

**Em**

Unmentionable by name

**D**

**Am**

Searching for my double, looking for

**D**

**Am**

Complete evaporation to the core

**D**

**Am**

Though I tried and failed at finding any door

**D**

**Am**

I must have thought that there was nothing more

**C D**

**G**

Absurd than that love is just a four-letter word

[Verse 4]

**D**

Though I never knew just what you meant

**Em**

When you were speaking to your man

**D**

I can only think in terms of me

**Em**

And now I understand

**D**

**Am**

After waking enough times to think I see

**D**

**Am**

The Holy Kiss that's supposed to last eternity

**D**

**Am**

Blow up in smoke, its destiny

**D**

**Am**

Falls on strangers, travels free

**D**

**Am**

Yes, I know now, traps are only set by me

**D**

**Am**

And I do not really need to be

**D** **G**  
Assured that love is just a four-letter word

[Verse 5]

**D**  
Strange it is to be beside you  
**Em**  
Many years and tables turned  
**D**  
You d probably not believe me  
**Em**  
If I told you all I ve learned  
**D** **Am**  
And it is very, very weird indeed  
**D** **Am**  
To hear words like forever please  
**D** **Am**  
Those ships run through my mind, I cannot cheat  
**D** **Am**  
It s like looking in the teacher s face complete  
**D** **Am** **C D**  
I can say nothing to you but repeat what I heard  
**G**  
That love is just a four-letter word