

Little Colored Balloons

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[Intro]

C | F | Am | G

[Verse]

C F
Up above the moon
C F
And underneath the gun
C F
Far away from Mississippi
C F Em
All the buttons come undone
Dm G
A hornet 's nest inside my brain
Dm G
Rattling like a submachine

[Chorus]

Am G F Em Dm G
Saran Wrap and little colored balloons
Am G F Em Dm G
A black nickel, a needle and a spoon
Am G
You say this is ain 't what I am?
C F Em
Well, this is what I do to warn your ghost away
Dm G
I know you don 't believe in magic
Dm G
Nobody does, not anymore

[Instrumental]

C | F | Am | G

[Verse]

C F
This uniform is stifling
C F
It 's hotter than the heat
C F
That 's smothering my shoulders
C F Em
and burning up my feet
Dm G
Every word 's under review,
Dm G
But the jury 's guilty, too.

[Chorus]

Am **G** **F** **Em Dm G**
Saran Wrap and little colored balloons
Am **G** **F** **Em Dm G**
A black nickel, a needle and a spoon
Am **G**
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C **F** **Em**
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I know you don't believe in magic
Dm **G**
Nobody does, not anymore

[Instrumental]

C | **F** | **Am** | **G**

[Verse]

C **F**
I watch the waves roll in
C **F**
And roll out just the same
C **F**
Like a song and dance,
C **F** **Em**
It's the oldest of his games
Dm **G**
I shut my eyes but through these tears
Dm **G**
A mean old world reappears

[Chorus]

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Saran Wrap and little colored balloons
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A black nickel, a needle and a spoon
Am **G**
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Dm **G**
Nobody does, not anymore

[Verse]

C **F**
Why try and tell you,
C **F**
When you don't give a fuck?
C **F**
You don't believe in magic?
C **F**

You don't believe in luck?

Dm **G**
There is no "right", There is no "wrong".

Dm **G**
Same damn chorus, same damn song

[Chorus]

Am **G** **F** **Em Dm G**
Saran Wrap and little colored balloons

Am **G** **F** **Em Dm G**
A black nickel, a needle and a spoon

Am **G**
You say this is ain't what I am?

C **F** **Em**
Well, this is what I do to warn your ghost away

Dm **G**
I know you don't believe in magic

Dm **G**
Nobody does, not anymore

[Bridge]

C **F**
I held my hands out,

Am **G**
Blood stained and I got my doubts

C **F**
I tried to wash it off

Am **G**
Yeah, I tried to wash it off

C **F**
Red as Southern clay

Am **G**
Blood-red as Mississippi clay

C **F**
And yes, it still remains

Am **G**
Goddammit, it still remains!

C **F**
Where is Pilate's water?

Am **G**
Tell me! Where is Pilate's water?

C **F**
Nightmares in daylight!

Am **G**
I'm stealing the birthright!

C **F**
Off 16th and Mission!

Am **G**
Off 16th and Mission!

C **F**
I took an ambulance ride

Am **G**
They said I should've died

C **F**
Right there on 16th and Mission,

Am **G**
on 16th and Mission

C **F**
I still miss you so much

Am **G**
I still miss you so goddamn much

C **F**
On 16th and Mission

Am **G**
I Åm right here at 16th and Mission

Sing it!

[Outro]

C | **F** | **Am** | **G**