

Illegal Smile
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[Verse 1]

G **D** **C** **G**
When I woke up this morning, things were lookin bad
C **G** **D** **G**
seems like total silence is the only friend I have
D **C** **G** **C** **G**
a bowl of oatmeal tried to stare me down... and won
D **C** **G** **C** **G**
and it was twelve o clock before I realized that I was havin no fun

[Chorus]

D **G** **C** **D** **G**
but fortunately I have the key to escape reality
step up to) **C** **G**
and you may see me tonight with an illegal smile
D **G**
it don t cost very much, but it lasts a long while
(step up to) **C** **G**
won t you please tell the man I didn t kill anyone
D **C** **G**
no I was just tryin to have me some fun

[Verse 2]

G **D** **C** **G**
last time I checked my bankroll, well it was gettin thin
C **G** **D** **G**
sometimes it seems like the bottom is the only place I ve been
D **C** **G** **C** **G**
chased a rainbow down a one-way street... dead end
D **C** **G** **C** **G**
and all my friends turned out to be insurance salesmen

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[Verse 3]

G **D** **C** **G**
I sat down in my closet with all my overalls
 C **G** **D** **G**
just tryin to get away from all the years inside these walls
D **C** **G** **C** **G**
dreamed the police heard everything I thought... what then?
 D **C** **G** **C** **G**
well I went to court and the judge s name was Hoffman

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