

**Ball And Chain**  
**Jonathan Coulton**

[Verse 1]

**Em** **B7**  
Did you say it was black tie?  
**Em** **B7**  
I lost a button, but it fits just fine  
**Em** **D**  
Remind me what time  
  
**Em** **B7**  
Do you kids still high five?  
**Em** **B7**  
Cool Dad is fun, Cool Dad s your favorite guy!  
**Em**  
Watch me on the floor

[Chorus 1]

**G** **D** **B7** **Em**  
Ball and Chain, what would I be  
**C** **D** **G**  
Without this weight that s pullin me?  
**D** **B7** **Em**  
Down and out and back a-gain  
  
Don t ask me  
**C**  
Don t ask me

[Verse 2]

**Em** **B7**  
So I m givin you these keys  
**Em** **B7**  
Ten minutes more, no matter what I say  
**Em** **D**  
Then the Irish good-bye  
  
**Em** **B7**  
The seat s up too far  
**Em** **B7**  
Back roads I m spinning with the starry sky  
**Em**  
Pour me out at home

[Chorus 2]

**G** **D** **B7** **Em**

Ball and Chain, what would I be  
Without this weight that s pullin me?  
Down and out and back a-gain

Don t ask me  
Don t ask me

[Solo]

| Eb | D | Gm Eb | D | Gm | F | Eb | D | Gm | D | Eb | Gm |

[Verse 3]

I m a little bit sur-prised  
I sleep for 50 years, and you re still here  
Takin up my side  
And the sun moves so fast  
Too fast to see, too bright to look too long  
I open up my eyes

[Chorus 3]

Ball and Chain, what would I be  
Without this weight that s pullin me?  
Down and out and back a-gain  
Don t ask me  
Don t ask me  
Dont ask me  
Don t ask me