

**How Sweet To Be An Idiot**  
**Neil Innes**

Song: How sweet to be an idiot  
Artist: Neil Innes  
Composer: Neil Innes  
Album: How sweet to be an idiot

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The Beatlesque title song from Neil s 1973 debut solo album.

<b>G</b> = xx5433	<b>Bm/F#</b> = xx4432	<b>B</b> = x24442	<b>E</b> = 022100
<b>Fadd9</b> = xx3213	<b>Em</b> = xx2000	<b>Am</b> = x02210	<b>Am/G</b> = 302210
<b>C/E</b> = xx2013	<b>Em7/D</b> = xx0000	<b>G *</b> = 355433	<b>D9/F#</b> = 200210
<b>Cm/D#</b> = xx1013	<b>C</b> = x32010	<b>G6</b> = 35x453	<b>Fmaj7</b> = 133210
<b>D4</b> = xx0233	<b>Em/B</b> = x22000	<b>G7</b> = 353463	<b>D7</b> = xx0212
<b>D</b> = xx0232	<b>D#dim</b> = xx1212	<b>A</b> = x02220	<b>G4</b> = 320013
			<b>G **</b> = 320003

^ = Emphasise the beat

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[Intro]

<b>G</b>	<b>Fadd9</b>	<b>C/E</b>	<b>Cm/D#</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>D</b>
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[Verse 1]

<b>G</b>	<b>Bm/F#</b>	<b>Em</b>	<b>Em7/D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Em/B</b>	<b>D#dim</b>
How sweet-----	to be an idiot,	as harmless...	as a cloud,			
<b>Em</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Am</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>D</b>		
Too small to hide the sun,	almost poking fun,					
<b>G</b>	<b>Bm/F#</b>	<b>Em</b>	<b>Em7/D</b>	<b>Am</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>D</b>
At the warm, but inse - cure,	un - tidy crowd!	/ / / /				

[Verse 2]

<b>G</b>	<b>Bm/F#</b>	<b>Em</b>	<b>Em7/D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Em/B</b>	<b>D#dim</b>
How sweet-----	to be an idiot,	and dip...	my brain in joy,			
<b>Em</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Am</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>D</b>		
Children laughing at my back,	with no fear of at - tack,					
<b>G</b>	<b>Bm/F#</b>	<b>Em</b>	<b>Em7/D</b>	<b>Am</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>D</b>
As much re - tali - ation...	as a toy!	/ / / /				

[Verse 3]

<b>G</b>	<b>Bm/F#</b>	<b>Em</b>	<b>D</b>
How sweet-----	to be an idiot,		
<b>G</b>	<b>Fadd9</b>	<b>C/E</b>	<b>Cm/D#</b>
		<b>D4</b>	<b>D</b>

How sweet! | / / / / | / / / / | /\_/ /\_/ /\_/ /\_/ |  
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**D**

I tip - toe down the street, smile at everyone I meet!

**G \*** **G6** **G7** **G6 G7 G6** **G \*** **G6** **G7** **G6 G7 G6**  
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[Verse 4]

**A**

**A**

**B**

| / / / / | But suddenly a scream ...smashes through my dream,  
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**E**

Fee - fi - fo - fum, I smell the blood of an asylum!

**Am** **Am/G** **D9/F#**  
 (Blood of an asylum? But, mother, I m playing so beautifully!

**Fmaj7**

Ha - ha! Listen! Ha - ha!)

**E**

Fee - fi - fo - fum, I smell the blood of an asylum!

[Verse 5]

**Am**

**Am/G**

Hey, you! You re such a pedant,

**D9/F#**

**Fmaj7**

You ve got as much brain as a dead ant,

**E**

As much imagination as a caravan site...

**D**

**D7**

But I still love you, still love you, oo, oo----!

[Coda]

**G**

**Bm/F#**

**Em**

**D**

How sweet----- to be an idiot,

**G**

**Fadd9**

**C/E**

**Cm/D#**

**D4**

**D**

**G4**

**G \*\***

How sweet! | / / / / | How----- sweet-----!