

Engine

Neutral Milk Hotel

This is a favorite, I m glad I can contribute it for the benefit of others because it s been a simple but satisfying song to play. There are a couple recordings of this song and Jeff Mangum sings different lyrics for some of the lines but the chords are the same.

[Intro]

G-A-C

It s the same three chords repeated throughout, he holds the C chord in a couple places.

[Verse]

G A C G
For I am an engine and I m rolling on
A C G
the world is all bending and breaking from me
(or:through endless revision to say what I mean)
A C G
for sweetness alone who flew out through the window
A C G
and landed back home in a garden of green

[Instrumental]

A C G

[Chorus]

A C G
you re riding alone in the back of a steamer
A C G
and steaming yourself in the warm shower spray
A C G
and water rolls on off the round captains belly
A C G
who s talking to tigers from his cafeteria tray

