

Holland 1945  
Neutral Milk Hotel

[Intro]

**C**

Two, one, two, three, four  
(muted strumming -----|)

**C G C G**

[Verse]

**C**

**G**

The only girl I ve ever loved

**C**

**G**

Was born with roses in her eyes

**C**

**G**

But then they buried her alive

**D**

**C**

One evening Nine-teen-forty-five

**D**

**G**

With just her sister at her side

**D**

**C**

And only weeks before the guns

**D**

**G**

All came and rained on everyone

**D**

**C**

Now she s a little boy in Spain

**D**

**G**

Playing pianos filled with flames

**D**

**C**

On empty rings around the sun

**D**

**C**

**G**

All sing to say my dream has come

[Chorus]

**C**

**G**

But now we must pick up every piece

**C**

**G**

Of this life we used to love

**C**

**G**

Just to keep ourselves at least

**D**

Enough to carry on!

[Verse]

**C** **G**  
And now we ride the circus wheel  
**C** **G**  
With your dark brother wrapped in white  
**C** **G**  
Says it was good to be alive  
**D** **C**  
But now he rides a comet s flame  
**D** **G**  
And won t be coming back again  
**D** **C**  
The Earth looks better from a star  
**D** **G**  
That s right above from where you are  
**D** **C**  
He didn t mean to make you cry  
**D** **G**  
With sparks that ring and bullets fly  
**D** **C**  
On empty rings around your heart  
**D** **C** **G**  
The world just screams and falls apart

[Chorus]

**C** **G**  
But now we must pick up every piece  
**C** **G**  
Of the life we used to love  
**C** **G**  
Just to keep ourselves at least  
**D**  
Enough to carry on!

[Verse]

**G** **A** **B** **C** **G**  
And here s where your mother sleeps  
**G** **A** **B** **C** **G** **D**  
And here is the room where your brothers were born  
**G** **A** **B** **C** **G**  
In-den-tions in the sheets  
**G** **A** **B** **C** **G** **D**  
Where their bodies once moved but don t move anymore  
**C** **G** **C** **G**  
And it s so sad to see the world agree  
**C** **G** **D**  
That they d rather see their faces fill with flies  
**G** **A** **B** **C** **D** **G**

All when I d want to keep white roses in their eyes

C G C D C G