

**Little Birds**  
**Neutral Milk Hotel**

Standard tuning

[Intro]

**Am**

[Verse]

**Am**

Little birds born without a mother or a father  
I can watch their bodies forming in the running water

**G**

Now there is another in the middle of my mouth

**Em**

A hundred altogether within me now

**Am**

Little bird, little bird come into my body

**Am**

Mother, they re within me every moment I m awaking  
Bodies multiplying til they finally overtake me

**G**

Open up my mouth but all you ll ever hear is singing

**Em**

Put you hand within me and you ll know what I m feeling

**Am**

I just want to swallow up and promise to protect them

**Am**

Daddy come to touch me but he seen his hands a shaking  
Look into my eyes and he could see their bodies breaking

**G**

Push me to the floor and in his hands I started beating

**Em**

I don t want to hear it anymore, he kept repeating

**Am**

Do you really want the burning hell that we believe in?

**Am**

Did you know the burning hell it took your baby brother?  
Did you see how far he fell and how he made us suffer?

**G**

Another boy in town at night he took him for his lover

**Em**

And deep in sin they held each other

**Am**

So I took a hammer and nearly beat his little brains in  
Knowing God in heaven would have, never could forgive him

**G**

**Em**

So I took a hammer and I nearly beat his brains in

**Am**

Little boy born without a father or a mother

**Am**

Taken to the river and then pushed into the water

**G**

And the priests are singing that the hell is getting hotter la la la la la

**Am**

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the only one to save him

From the thing he loves the most but we know will betray him

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the only one to save him

**G**

From the thing he loves the most but we know will betray him

[Outro]

**Am**

**G**

And here beneath the water I can see

**Em**

**Am**

How the lights distort so strange

**G**

**Em**

And I think this is how I would like to leave my body

**Am**

And start again