

As I Sat Sadly By Her Side
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

[Intro]

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[Figure A]

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[Figure B]

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Am		G
As I sat sadly by her side		
F		G
At the window through the glass		
Am		G
She stroked a kitten in her lap		
F		G
And we watched the world as it fell past		
Am		G
Softly she spoke these words to me		
F		G
And with brand new eyes, open wide		

Am **G**
We pressed our faces to the glass
F **G** **Am A***
As I sat sadly by her side.

Am **G**
She said, Father, mother, sister, brother,
F **G**
Uncle, aunt, nephew, niece,
Am **G**
Soldier, sailor, physician, laborer,
F **G**
Actor, scientist, mechanic, priest,
Am **G**
Earth and moon and sun and stars
F **G**
Planets and comets with tails blazing
Am **G**
All are there forever falling
F **G** **Am A***
Falling lovely and amazing.

Am **G**
Then she smiled and turned to me
F **G**
And waited for me to reply
Am **G**
Her hair was falling down her shoulders
F **G** **Am A***
As I sat sadly by her side.

Am **G**
As I sat sadly by her side
F **F**
The kitten she did gently pass
Am **G**
Over to me and again we pressed
F **G**
Our different faces to the glass
Am **G**
That may be very well, I said
F **G**
But watch that one falling in the street
Am **G**
See him gesture to his neighbors
F **G**
See him trampled beneath their feet
Am **G**
All outward motion connects to nothing
F **G**
For each is concerned with their immediate need
Am **G**
Witness the man reaching up from the gutter

F **G** **Am A***
See the other one stumbling on who he can not see.

Am **G**
With trembling hand I turned toward her
F **G**
And pushed the hair out of her eyes
Am **G**
The kitten jumped back to her lap
F **G** **Am A***
As I sat sadly by her side.

Am **G**
Then she drew the curtains down
F **G**
And said, When will you ever learn
Am **G**
That what happens there beyond the glass
F **G**
Is simply none of your concern?
Am **G**
God has given you but one heart
F **G**
You are not a home for the hearts of your brothers
Am **G**
And God does not care for your benevolence
F **G**
Any more than he cares for the lack of it in others
Am **G**
Nor does he care for those who sit
F **G**
At windows in judgment of the world He created
Am **G**
While sorrows pile up around him
F **F** **Am A***
Ugly, useless and over-inflated.

Am **G**
At which she turned her head away
F **G**
Great tears leaping from her eyes
Am **G**
I could not wipe the smile from my face
F **G** **Am B***
As I sat sadly by her side.