

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

[Intro]

**Am** **F**

e | ----12----12-----12----12-----  
B | -10----10----10-10-12-13-12-10-12-----12-13-12-10-12-----  
G | -----10----10----10-----  
D | -----  
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[Figure A]

**Am** **F**

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G | -----10----10----10-----  
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[Figure B]

**Am**

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A | -----  
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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**  
Anymore 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.