

**Brother My Cup Is Empty**  
**Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds**

[Chorus]

**Em**

Brother, my cup is empty

**Em**

And I haven't got a penny

**Am**

For to buy no more whiskey

**Em**

I have to go home

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[Verse 1]

**Em**

I am the captain of my pain

**Em**

Tis the bit, the bridle

**Em**

The thrashing cane

**Am**

The stirrup, the harness and the whipping mane

**Em**

The pickled eye and the shrinking brain

**Em**

Brother, buy me one more drink

**Em**

Explain the nature of my pity

**Am**

Yes, let me tell you once again

**Em**

I am the captain of my pain

[Chorus]

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[Verse 2]

**Em**

I cannot blame it all on her

**Em**

To blame her all would be a lie

**Am**

For many a night I lay awake

**Em**

And wished that I could watch her die

**Em**

See her accusing finger spurt

**Em**

See flies swarm her hateful eye

**Am**

To watch her groaning in the dirt

**Em**

See her clicking tongue crack dry

**Em**

Brother, buy me one more drink

**Em**

One more drink and then goodbye

**Am**

And do not mock me when I say

**Em**

Let s drink one more before I die

[Chorus]

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[Verse 3]

**Em**

I ve been sliding down on rainbows

**Em**

I ve been swinging from the stars

**Am**

This wretch in beggars clothing

**Em**

Bangs his cup across the bars

**Em**

Look, this cup of mine is empty!

**Em**

Seems I've misplaced my desires

**Am**

Seems I'm sweeping up the ashes

**Em**

Of all my former fires

**Em**

So brother, be a brother

**Em**

And fill this tiny cup of mine

**Am**

And please, sir, make it whiskey

**Em**

I have no head for wine

[Chorus]

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[Verse 4]

**Em**

I counted up my blessings

**Em**

And counted only one

**Am**

One tiny little blessing

**Em**

And now that blessing's gone

**Em**

So buy me one more drink, my brother

**Em**

Then I'm taking to the road

**Am**

Yes, I'm taking to the rain

**Em**

And I'm taking to the snow

**Em**

Oh my friend, my only brother

**Em**

Do not let the party grieve

**Am**

Throw a dollar onto the bar

**Em**

Now kiss my ass and leave

[Chorus]

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