

Hold On To Yourself
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds

[Intro]

Am
F Dm Am

[Verse]

Am
I m so far away from you
F
Pacing up and down my room
Dm Am
Does Jesus only love a man who loses?
Am
I turn on the radio
F
There s some cat on the saxophone
Dm Am
Laying down a litany of excuses
Am
There s madhouse longing in my baby s eyes
F
She rubs the lamp between her thighs
Dm Am
And hopes the genie comes out singing
Am
She lives in some forgotten song
F
And moves like she is zombie-strong
Dm Am
Breathes steady as the pendulum keeps swinging

[Chorus]

C G Am
Am F Am
You better hold on to yourself

[Intro]

Am
F Dm Am

[Verse]

Am

Well, cities rust and fall to ruin

F

Factories close and cars go cruisin

Dm **Am**

In around the borders of her vision

Am

She says ooh

F

As Jesus makes the flowers grow

Dm **Am**

All around the scene of her collision

[Chorus]

C **G** **Am**

You know I would, yes, I would

Am **F** **Am**

I would hold on to yourself

[Intro]

Am

F Dm Am

[Verse]

Am

In the middle of the night

F

I try my best to chase outside

Dm **Am**

The phantoms and the ghosts and fairy-girls

Am

On 1001 nights like these

F **Dm**

She mutters open sesame and Ali Baba and his forty thieves

Am

Launch her off the face of the world

[Chorus]

C **G** **Am**

You know one day I ll come back

F **Am**

And I d hold on to yourself

F **Dm** **Am**

To yourself, I d hold on to yourself

[Intro]

Am

F Dm Am

[Verse]

Am

Ooh baby, I m a 1000 miles away

F

And I just don t know what to say

Dm

Am

Cause Jesus only loves a man who bruises

Am

But darling, we can clearly see

F

It s all life and fire and lunacy

Dm

Am

And excuses and excuses and excuses

[Chorus]

C

Well, you know if I could, I would

G Am

F

Am

I d lie right down and I d hold on to yourself

C

G

Am

F

Am

Yeah, I would lie right down and I would hold on to yourself

C

G

Am

F

Am

One day I ll come back to you and I d hold on to yourself

C

G

Am

Yeah, I m gonna come back, gonna lie down

F

Am

And I would hold on to yourself

Yeah, to yourself