

From A Cutlass Cruiser
Okkervil River

[Intro]

C

[Verse]

F C Dm Bb
What a day we had I figured I'd be feeling bad, but I don't feel a thing.

Dm Bb C
They read from Mark and then bring us all up Shingle Camp Hill Road.

F C Dm Bb
Throwing flowers at the ground felt like hours, with the grown-ups whimpering.

Dm Bb Eb Bb
In the blown-out green of spring I see the whole small town explode.

[Chorus]

C Bb
Dm Bb
And then driving to our house at night, the stars shoot out their shine behind
the Olds windows.

Dm Bb Dm Bb
C
My father quiet behind the wheel, I fully feel that he knows where he's trying
to go.

C Bb
Dm Bb
And then they carry me inside, this other world behind my eyes, this bright-lit
neon glow.

Dm Bb Dm Bb C
And then it's morning everywhere, and summer air, and there's the stereo.

[Interlude]

Eb Bb

[Verse]

F C Dm Bb
The Electric Company was playing when my mom left me five minutes on the couch,
and I was blue when she came out, and wasn't breathing.

F C Dm Bb
That Opel flew through town, all down 120, and around the Lebanon green, and
out.

Dm Bb Eb Bb
I don't know what they were thinking about. I don't want to imagine it.

[Chorus]

C **Bb** **Dm** **Bb**
In came the doctor, wearing white. Carefully, he cut a circle in my throat
Dm **Bb** **Dm** **Bb** **C**
and took a little plastic tube and looped it through my lungs and sealed me
closed.

C **Bb** **Dm**
Bb
My parents were called into the room, with no idea what to do but frightened to
say so.

Dm **Bb** **Dm** **Bb**
C
They showed them how to clean it out, and showed them how to set me down, and
sent me home.

[Verse]

F **C** **Bb** **Dm** **Bb**
1983 - the apparition came to me and spoke to me all night,
Dm **Bb** **C**
frozen inside my bed, bone-white, my brother fast asleep.

F **C** **Bb** **Dm** **Bb**
And, under surgery, a second time it came and showed me a house in outer space,
Dm **Bb** **Dm** **Bb**
another boy who had my face, a mom and dad who weren't the same...

Eb **Bb**
I woke up and my aunt gave me a book.

[Chorus]

C **Bb**
Dm **Bb**
Show me the neatest place to hide, to crawl inside the silver gym. Don't tell a
single other soul.

Dm **Bb** **Dm** **Bb** **C**
Beneath the bleachers is a lighter, and a sneaker, and a frozen sparrow.

C **Bb** **Dm**
Bb **Dm** **Bb**
I broke into the church at night and pulled out all the stops and heard that
organ overload,

Dm **Bb** **Dm** **Bb**
C
and screamed, This giant clashy chord is for Our Lord. Up where he is. Up Where
he goes.

[Outro]

C **Dm** **Dsus4**
Up that music floats,
C **Dm**
leaving family, friends and home down so small below.
Bb
And it's still there for all I know.