

**Blue Poles**  
**Patti Smith**

Capo 2

[Verse 1]

**Em C G B Em C F**  
Mother as I write the sun dissolves  
**Em C G B**  
Blood life streaming cross my hand  
**Em C F**  
And these words, these words  
**Em C G B**  
Hope dashed immortal hope  
**Em C F**  
Hope streaking the canvas sky

[Chorus]

**G Em D C Am G C D**  
Blue poles infinitely winding, as I write, as I write[x2]

[Verse 2]

**Em C G B**  
We joined the long caravan  
**Em C F**  
Hungry dreaming going west  
**Em C G B**  
Just for work just to get a job  
**Em C**  
And we never got lucky  
**F**  
We just forged on  
**Em C G B**  
And the dust the endless dust  
**Em C F**  
Like a plague it covered everything  
**Em C G B**  
Hal fell with the fever  
**Em C F**  
And mother I did what I could

[Chorus]

**G Em D C Am G C D**  
Blue poles infinitely winding, as I write, as I write[x2]

[Verse 3]

**Em C G B**

We prayed we prayed for rain

**Em C F**

**G Em D C Am G C D**

I never wanted to see the sun again

**Em C G B**

All my dresses you made by hand

**Em C F**

We left behind on the road

**Em C G B**

Hal died in my arms

**Em C F**

We buried him by the river

[Chorus]

**G Em D C Am G C D**

Blue poles infinitely winding, as I write, as I write[x2]

**D G**

I write