

The Balcony
Paul Heaton

The Balcony - Paul Heaton from the album The Cross Eyed Rambler

G - 320033
G/F# 200033
C9 x32033

Intro - **G G/F# C9 G/F# G G/F# G**

G G/F# C9 G/F#
As he taxes a draw on the 15th floor
G G/F# G
He can't help cursing his luck
G G/F# C9 G/F#
Life could have dealt him such a different hand
G G/F# G
Maybe 2 across and 23 up

G G/F# C9 G/F#
But there ain't door on the 38th floor
G G/F# D
No shortcut out of this dump
G G/F# C9 G/F#
The nearer high rise comes closer to the skies
G G/F# G
The temptation to actually jump

G
And it's sadder the leaving than left
C9
Sadder the going than gone

Saddest of all is the person bereft
D
Of the chance to jump off or walk on
G
Falling from ladder, landing on dagger
G/F# C9
A thousand and one ways to die
G
Better the brave and the early to grave
D G
And damn those too frightened to try

As he awaits the last score on the 25th floor
He looks down at the madness below
It's always some Grimsby or Scunthorpe
Some place he ain't been or won't go

And as result comes in and his head goes down
Yet another week he s gonna be stuck
Where the betting slips rain like confetti
Let down, thrown out or screwed up

And it s sadder the leaving than left
Sadder the going than gone
Saddest of all is the person bereft
Of the chance to jump off or walk on
Falling from ladder, landing on dagger
A thousand and one ways to die
Better the brave and the early to grave
And damn those too frightened to try

G

So we wish you good spaces in faraway places

C9

Good luck in the folk that you meet

Cause if you don t travel, the dust and the gravel

D

Will swallow you up from your feet

G

This song that we give, please carry it with

C9

To remind you we long your return

G

Travel thee far and travel thee well

D

G

And bring back every lesson you learn

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