

Bethlehem
Paula Cole

Intro
G-Cadd9
G-Cadd9

G
Pulling on the apron strings looking up
Cadd9
Standing on the chair to be grown up
Em
I feel so little, I need my pillow
D
I hate the time, I hate the clock, I want to be a dog or I want to be a rock
G
Sunday s pancakes Miss Mary Mack
Cadd9
Color Polaroids show my heart attack
G
In my second-hand pants and dusty shoes
Cadd9
The day that the playground laughed at my shoes
Em
It s my birthday next week and what I want please
D
Is to turn on the heat so the fish won t freeze
Cadd9
The fish in the tank froze and died last week
D
Oh I want to be a dog or I want to be a leaf

Chorus

G D Em D
Quarry miners, fishermen
Cadd9 D
In my town of Bethlehem
G D Em D
Picket fences, church at ten
Cadd9
No star above my Bethlehem

G
Now I m only 16 and I think I have an ulcer
Cadd9
I m hiding my sex behind a dirty sweatshirt
Em
I ve lost five pounds these past few days
D
Trying to be class president and get straight A s,

Cadd9

Well, who gives a shit about that anyway?

D

I just want to be a dog or a lump of clay

Chorus

G D Em D

Quarry miners, fishermen

Cadd9 D

In my town of Bethlehem

G D Em D

Picket fences, church at ten

Cadd9 D

No star above my Bethlehem

Bridge

Cadd9 Em

Still I m tired of standing still

Am

Tired of living still

Cadd9 Am Cadd9-D

Everyday I dream of leaving

D

Everybody s talking about Becky s bust

D

The boys on the basketball team just fuck

Em

The same ten girls, who don t know who they are

D

They re looking for some comfort in the back of a car

Cadd9

The six-packs of beer, the locker room jeers

D

I don t want to be me, I don t want to be here

Chorus

G D Em D

Quarry miners, fishermen

Cadd9 D

In my town of Bethlehem

G D Em D

Picket fences, church at ten

Cadd9

No star above my Bethlehem

G D Em-D-Cadd9-D

Red brick schoolhouse

G D Em D

Dead end dirt roads, daffodils

Cadd9 D

No star above my Bethlehem

Coda

Cadd9

Cadd9

I want to be a dog or I want to be a rock

D

G

I don't want to be me, I don't want to be here in Bethlehem.