

Easter Lilies

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C **F** **C** **G**
For a long while she stood in the flower shop window
Am **F** **C** **G**
The daffodils dearest at this time of year
C **F** **C** **G**
Inside she emptied her purse on the counter
Am **F** **G** **C**
I want to buy all of the daffodils here
G **F** **C**
By her eyes it was plain to see she d been crying
F **C** **D7** **G**
As she tucked back a loose strand of hair from her face
C **F** **C** **G**
I want to spend all of my money on flowers
Am **F** **G** **C**
And I need every daffodil here in this place

C **F** **C** **G**
Clutching her harvest, a cornsheaf of flowers
Am **F** **C** **G**
She clambered aboard the late rush hour tram
C **F** **C** **G**
And by Schweigaadsgate, a small pool of water
Am **F** **G** **C**
Had formed on the floor as if wrung from her hands
G **F** **C**
It all seemed to add to the lost look about her
F **C** **D7** **G**
As the grey rattling city went rumbling past
C **F** **C** **G**
She sat like a small child testing for butter
Am **F** **G** **C**
Her face lit in yellow from the flowers tightly clasped

C **F** **C** **G**
Once in her apartment, she lay down the blooms
Am **F** **C** **G**
Divided them up into glasses and jars
C **F** **C** **G**
Til daffodils filled every space in the room
Am **F** **G** **C**
Then she lit every candle she could find in the house
G **F** **C**
She bathed and she dressed and corked open champagne
F **C** **D7** **G**

Which made pigeons fly from her window cill

C **F** **C** **G**

Then closing the curtains on the birds and the rain

Am **F** **G** **C**

She stood among flickering daffodils

C **F** **C** **G**

Surrounded and centred she pondered her feelings

Am **F** **C** **G**

Sofa d and cushioned on feathers she lay

C **F** **C** **G**

Holding on to the pillows, lest she float to the ceiling

Am **F** **G** **C**

And just like the cigarette smoke drift away

G **F** **C**

She wondered just where the wind might deliver

F **C** **D7** **G**

An unwritten letter in a torn envelope

C **F** **C** **G**

Though candlelight warmed, she suddenly shivered

Am **F** **G** **C**

And the yellow flowers shimmered with brightness and hope.