

**Easter Lilies**  
**Ralph McTell**

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.