

Streets Of London
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[Intro]

C G Am Em
F C G C

[Verse 1]

C **G** **Am** **Em**
Have you seen the old man in the closed-down market
F **C** **D7** **G7**
Kicking up the paper with his worn-out shoes?
C **G** **Am** **Em**
In his eyes you see no pride, hand held loosely at his side
F **C** **G7** **C** **C**
Yesterday s paper telling yesterday s news

[Chorus]

F **Em** **C** **Am**
So how can you tell me you re lo - ne - ly
D7 **G** **G7**
And say for you that the sun don t shine?
C **G** **Am** **Em**
Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of London
F **C** **G7** **C**
I ll show you something to make you change your mind

[Instrumental]

C G Am G

[Verse 2]

C **G** **Am** **Em**
Have you seen the old gal who walks the streets of London
F **C** **F** **G7**
Dirt in her hair and her clothes in rags?
C **G** **Am** **Em**
She s no time for talking, she just keeps right on walking
F **C** **G7** **C** **C**
Carrying her home in two carrier bags

[Chorus]

F **Em** **C** **Am**
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[Instrumental]

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F C G C

[Verse 3]

C **G** **Am** **Em**
In the all-night cafe at a quarter past eleven

F **C** **F** **G7**
Same old man sitting there on his own

C **G** **Am** **Em**
Looking at the world over the rim of his tea-cup
F **C** **G7** **C** **C**
Each tea lasts an hour, then he wanders home alone

[Chorus]

F **Em** **C** **Am**
So how can you tell me you re lo - ne - ly
D7 **D7** **G** **G7**

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[Instrumental]

C G Am G

[Verse 4]

C **G** **Am** **Em**
Have you seen the old man outside the seaman s mission?

F **C** **F** **G7**
Memory fading with the medal ribbons that he wears

C **G** **Am** **Em**
And in our winter city the rain cries a little pity
F **C** **G7** **C** **C**
For one more forgotten hero and a world that doesn t care

[Chorus]

F **Em** **C** **Am**
So how can you tell me you re lo - ne - ly
D7 **D7** **G** **G7**

And say for you that the sun don t shine?
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