

Al Bowlly's In Heaven
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Dm A7 Dm
We were heroes then, and the girls were all pretty
Dm
And a uniform was a lucky charm
Bb7 A7
Bought you the key to the city
F F
We used to dance the whole night through
Bb7 Eb7
While Al Bowlly sang, The Very Thought of You
Em7b5 A7 Dm
Al Bowlly's in Heaven, and I'm in limbo now

I gave my youth to King and country
But what's my country done for me
But sentenced me to misery
I traded my helmet and my parachute
For a pair of crutches and a de-mob suit
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F C F C
Hard Times, hard hard times
F C F C
Hostels and missions and dossers soup lines
F C F C
Can't close my eyes on a bench or a bed
Bb7 A7
For the sound of some battle raging in my head

Old friends, You lose so many
You get run around all over town
The wear and the tear of it just drag you down
St Mungo's with its dirty old sheets
Beats standing all day down on Scarborough Street
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Guitar Solo (see tab below)

Can't stay here, got to foot slog
Once in a blue moon, you might find a job

Sleep in the rain, sleep in the snow
 When the beds are all taken, you ve got nowhere to go

I can see me now, back there on the dance-floor
 With a blond on me arm, red head to spare
 spit on me shoes and shine in me hair
 And there s Al Bowlly, up on the stand
 That was a voice, and that was a band
 Al Bowlly s in Heaven, and I m in limbo now

Guitar solo

Dm	A7
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- 7-b8-7-b8-7-b8-7-b8-	- 7-b8-7-5-h7-p5-4-5-8-
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Dm	Dm
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- -----9-	- 9-b10-----8-6-
- 9b10-9b10-9b10-9b10-9-7h9p7-6-7-	- -----7-
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Dm	Dm	Bb7
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- 6-----5h6-----5h6-	- 6-6-6-5---5-6-8-8b9r8-	- 8-6h8p6-----8-8-
- 7-----6-6-----6-7-	- -----7-	- -----7-7-
- 7-6-7-	- -----	- -----8-7-6-
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A7	F	F
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- 5h8p5-----	- 5-----6-5-4-	- -----10-8-8-8-6-
- 6-----	- 5-----	- -----
- 7-6-5-5-6-7-	- -----	- -----
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Bb7	Eb7	Em7b5
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- 8b9r8-8-6---6-8-8b9-	- r8-6---6---6-8-	- 8-6---6-7-8-8-8b9-
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A7	Dm	Dm	C7	F
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- -r8-6-----6- ----- -----5- -1-----
- -----7----- -7----- -----3- -2-----
- -----7-6-5--- ---5-3-5-3--5- -----5--- -3-----
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