

**Boats Against The Current**  
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Song: Boats Against The Current

Capo 3rd Fret

Verse 1.

**C** **F** **Am** **G**  
Run your hand along my arm, inside my jacket sleeve  
**C** **F** **Am** **G**  
Let your tears fall in your smile, I can hardly breathe  
**F** **C** **Am** **G**  
With my hands upon your hips you took our flag down to half mast  
**C** **F** **G** **C**  
When we turned to face each other we were already in the past

Verse 2. (**C F Am G** X2 - **F C Am G** - **C F G C**)

The emptiness fills me and it's tidal like the Thames  
If the numbness ever leaves me I won't want this pain to end  
Is it possible to change this, what would you like to ask  
Is there a river we can follow ceaselessly towards the past

Chorus 1.

**F** **C** **E** **Am** **G**  
I was blind to all those candles, heard the music felt your dress  
**F** **C** **E** **Am** **G**  
I shut my eyes your lips you gave to me for one last sweet caress  
**F** **C** **E** **Am** **G**  
Don't you give our love a eulogy I can't watch you close the door  
**F** **C** **G** **C**  
It was winter time the first time but time's not been stopped before

Verse 3. (**C F Am G** X2 - **F C Am G** - **C F G C** - all Verses the same pattern)

You said you dreamed that I was holding you, I kissed your eyes your  
lips your hair  
You cried that was my goodbye to you, I only wish babe I'd been there  
Remember when I ran away to Dublin you wrote and told me to stay strong  
You've only been gone a few hours but they're tortuously long

Verse 4.

The chalice holds the poison and it's fermented by our fear  
Put our love into a four foot hole, a foot for every year  
Yesterday I had you, but it would be the last

The doors are locked and theyâ€™ve been bolted  
Itâ€™s trapped us in the past

Chorus 2. (**F C E Am G** X3 - **F C G C**)

I can picture you so perfectly your hat down to your shoes  
You said Iâ€™ve never been an adult and not belonged to you  
Remember Magheramore that time I held you safe in both my hands  
But the tide was unrelenting breaks the rocks down into sand

Verse 5.

We didnâ€™t wait to hear the bell this time we knew it had just been rung  
Our cobbled streets they were alive with all the carols being sung  
Can our love end so suddenly, Iâ€™m not sure if itâ€™s true  
Every time I dry my heavy eyes I still think Iâ€™ll see you

Verse 6.

I drove for hours and for miles after you got out the car  
I couldnâ€™t listen to those love sick songs because they donâ€™t know who we  
are  
I reached across to feel you but nothing now feels right  
The stars are dancing heel to toe across the endless night

Verse 7.

I will draw the curtain you can take a sweeping bow  
We remembered all our lines babe no-one had to show us how  
Be careful that you do not slip upon the newly painted stage  
I expected your directions but not times exquisite rage

Chorus 3. (**F C E Am G** X3 - **F C G C**)

Whoever you discover who next walks you to your door  
Or dares put his hands where my hands used be  
To dance across your bedroom floor  
I hope he will understand youâ€™re worth much more than he could know  
Will you think of us from time to time and let our time together show

Verse 8.

The pearls they would destroy us because thatâ€™s not a diamond ring  
Maybe I was scared to show you but you did mean everything  
I only understand you only you know all of me  
Is this how Adam felt the day that Eden set him free?