

**Ball And Chain**  
**Social Distortion**

Tuned half step down, or full D with capo on first fret

6x **D A G D**

4x **D A G D**

Well it s been ten years and a thousand tears  
And look at the mess I m in-  
A broken nose and a broken heart,  
An empty bottle of gin  
Well I sit and I pray  
In my broken down Chevrolet-  
While I m singin to myself  
There s got to be another way

3x **D A G D**

Take a way, take away,  
Take away this ball and chain  
I m lonely and I m tired  
And I can t take any more pain  
Take away, take away  
Never to return again  
1x **D A G** (let **G** ring)  
Take away, take away  
(music pauses)  
Take away this ball and chain

2x **D A G D**

4x **D A G D**

Well I ve searched and I ve searched  
To find the perfect life-  
A brand new car and a brand new suit  
I even got me a little wife-  
But wherever I have gone  
I was sure to find myself there-  
You can run all your life  
But not go anywhere

3x **D A G D**

Take a way, take away,  
Take away this ball and chain  
I m sick and I m tired  
And I can t take any more pain  
Take away, take away  
Never to return again  
1x **D A G** (let **G** ring)  
Take away, take away

(music pauses)

Take away this ball and chain

2x **D A G D**

(solo)

4x **D A G D**

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Well I ll pass the bar on the way  
To my dingy hotel room-  
I spent all my money  
Been drinkin since half past noon-  
I ll wake there in the mornin  
Or maybe in the county jail-  
Times are hard getting harder  
I m born to lose and destined to fail-

3x **D A G D**

Take a way, take away,  
Take away this ball and chain  
I m lonely and I m tired  
And I can t take any more pain  
Take away, take away  
Never to return again

1x **D A G** (let **G** ring)

Take away, take away

(music pauses)

Take away this ball and chain

2x **D A G D**

(outro)

4x **D A G D**