

**If Venice Is Sinking  
Spirit of the West**

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By Spirit of the West

[Verse 1]

**C**  
Jesus hangs behind the glass  
**F**  
Above venetian doors  
**G** **Am** **G** **C**  
His window box boasts crimson flowers fresh cut the day before

**C**  
And you couldn t find a smile  
**F**  
If you nailed it to his face  
**G** **Am** **G**  
But Jesus Christ hangs his head with grace

[Chorus]

**F**  
And if Venice is sinking  
**C** **G**  
I m going under  
**F**  
Cause beauty s religion  
**C** **G** ( **C** - **F** - **G** - **Am** - **G** )  
And it s christened me with wonder

[Verse 2]

They come in bent-backed  
Creeping cross the floor all dressed in black  
Candles, thick as pillars, you can buy one off the floor  
  
And the ceiling s painted gold  
Mary s hair is red  
The old come here to kiss their dead

[Chorus]

**F**  
And if Venice is sinking  
**C**            **G**  
I m going under  
**F**  
  Cause beauty s religion  
          **C**                            **G**  
And it s christened me with wonder

[Bridge]

**F - G - F - Am - G - C**

[Verse 3]

We made love on a bed  
That sagged down to the floor  
In a room that had a postcard on the door

Of Marini s Little Man  
With an erection on a horse  
It always leaves me laughing, leaves me feeling that, of course

[Chorus]

**F**  
If Venice is sinking  
**C**            **G**  
I m going under  
**F**  
  Cause beauty s religion  
          **C**                            **G**  
And it s christened me with wonder

**F**  
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**C**            **G**  
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          **C**                            **G**  
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