

The Ballad of Love and Hate
The Avett Brothers

C **G** **C**
Love writes a letter and sends it to hate.
F **G** **C**
My vacations ending. I m coming home late.
F **G** **C** **Am**
The weather was fine and the ocean was great
C **G** **F**
and I can t wait to see you again.

C **G** **C**
Hate reads the letter and throws it away.
F **G** **C**
No one here cares if you go or you stay.
F **G** **C** **Am**
I barely even noticed that you were away.
C **G** **F**
I ll see you or I won t, whatever.

C **G** **C**
Love sings a song as she sails through the sky.
F **G** **C**
The water looks bluer through her pretty eyes.
F **G** **C** **Am**
And everyone knows it whenever she flies,
C **G** **F**
and also when she comes down.

C **G** **C**
Hate keeps his head up and walks through the street.
F **G** **C**
Every stranger and drifter he greets.
F **G** **C** **Am**
And shakes hands with every loner he meets
C **G** **F**
with a serious look on his face.

C **G** **C**
Love arrives safely with suitcase in tow.
F **G** **C**
Carrying with her the good things we know.
F **G** **C** **Am**
A reason to live and a reason to grow.
C **G** **F**
To trust. To hope. To care.

C **G** **C**
Hate sits alone on the hood of his car.

F **G** **C**
Without much regard to the moon or the stars.

F **G** **C** **Am**
Lazily killing the last of a jar
C **G** **F**
of the strongest stuff you can drink.

C **G** **C**
Love takes a taxi, a young man drives.

F **G** **C**
As soon as he sees her, hope fills his eyes.
F **G** **C** **Am**
But tears follow after, at the end of the ride,
C **G** **F**
cause he might never see her again.

C **G** **C**
Hate gets home lucky to still be alive.

F **G** **C**
He screams over the sidewalk and into the drive.
F **G** **C** **Am**
The clock in the kitchen says two fifty five,
C **G** **F**
And the clock in the kitchen is slow.

C **G** **C**
Love has been waiting, patient and kind.

F **G** **C**
Just wanting a phone call or some kind of sign,
F **G** **C** **Am**
That the one that she cares for, who's out of his mind,
C **G** **F**
Will make it back safe to her arms.

C **G** **C**
Hate stumbles forward and leans in the door.

F **G** **C**
Weary head hung, eyes to the floor.
F **G** **C** **Am**
He says Love, I'm sorry, and she says, What for?
C **G** **F**
I'm yours and that's it, whatever.

F **G** **C** **Am**
I should not have been gone for so long.

C **G** **F**
I'm yours and that's it, forever.
C **G** **F**
You're mine and that's it, forever.