

January Hymn
The Decemberists

Song: January Hymn
Band: The Decemberists
Album: The King is Dead
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I'm compiling this tab using Jim's and Don Tago's versions, so thanks goes to them for laying all of the ground work. The only major change to this tab you'll see are the Csus2 and Csus4 chords that Colin uses to fill in between the FM7 chords. I've seen him play this live and it isn't that difficult to get the hang of the chord changes.

Standard Tuning with Capo on 2nd Fret

Chords (relative to capo)

EADGBE
C :032010
Csus2:030010
Csus4:033010
F :033210 actually an Fm7
G :320030
Gsus2:300030
G6 :322000
G7 :323003

[Intro]

C Csus2 C Csus4 FM7 G Gsus2 G x3

[Verse 1]

C F G C Csus2 C Csus4
On a winter's Sunday I go
F G C Csus2 C Csus4
To clear away the snow
F G C Csus2 C Csus4 F G
And green the ground below
C F G C Csus2 C Csus4
April all an ocean away
F G C Csus2 C Csus4
Is this the better way to spend the day?
F G C Csus2 C Csus4 F G
Keeping the winter at bay

[Chorus 1]

F G C F
What were the words I meant to say before you left?
Am F G G7 G6 G
When I could see your breath lead where you were going to
C F G C Csus2 C Csus4

Maybe I should just let it be

F G C Csus2 C Csus4

And maybe it will all come back to me

F G C

Sing: O, Janu--ary, O

[Instrumental]

C Csus2 C Csus4 FM7 G Gsus2 x2

[Verse 2]

C F G C Csus2 C Csus4

How I lived a childhood in snow

F G C Csus2 C Csus4

And all my teens in tow

F G C Csus2 C Csus4 F G

Stuffed in strata of clothes

C F G C Csus2 C Csus4

Pale the winter days after dark

F G C Csus2 C Csus4

Wandering the gray memorial park

F G C Csus2 C Csus4 F G

A fleeting beating of hearts

[Chorus 2]

F G C F

What were the words I meant to say before she left?

Am F G G7 G6 G

When I could see her breath lead where she was going to

C F G C Csus2 C Csus4

Maybe I should just let it be

F G C Csus2 C Csus4

And maybe it will all come back to me

F G F G C

Sing: O, Janu-, O Janu--ary, O

[Outro]

C Csus2 C Csus4 FM7 G Gsus2 G x4 End on C