

On The Bus Mall
The Decemberists

Song: On the Bus Mall
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Tuning: Standard

Guitar 1: Acoustic 12-String
Guitar 2: Electric with some kind of sustain pedal

[Intro]

Guitar 1

Cmaj7 **G** (x2) then guitar 2 comes in

Guitar 2:

Cmaj7	G
e -12h14p12-12---10h12p10-10---7h9p7-7-----12p10p9-10-7-----	
B -----8-----	
G -----	x2
D -----	
A -----	
E -----	

*Note: at the point where the chord is Cmaj7-C, strum the Cmaj7 chord once then hammer on the 1 on the B string immediately. Basically, you ll be strumming the C chord, then lift of the B string C for one strum, then hold it again. If you listen to the song, you can kind of tell.

Cmaj7
In matching blue raincoats, our shoes were our showboats
G
we kicked around
Cmaj7
From stairway to station, we made a sensation
G
with the gadabout crowd
Cmaj7
And oh what a bargain, we re two easy targets
G

For the old men at the off-tracks

Cmaj7

Who ve paid in palaver and crumpled old dollars

G

Which we squirreled away

Em

Am

Asus2 Am

In our rat-trap hotel by the freeway

C

Cmaj7-C G

And we slept in Sundays

Cmaj7

Your parents were anxious, your cool was contagious

G

At the old school

Cmaj7

You left without leaving a note for your grieving

G

Sweet mother while your brother was so cruel

Cmaj7

And here in the alleys your spirits were rallied

G

As you learned quick to make a fast buck

Cmaj7

In bathrooms and ballrooms, on dumpsters and heirlooms

G

We bit our tongues

Em

Am

Sucked our lips into our lungs til we were falling

C

Such was our calling

Em

D

Am

C

And here in our hollow we fused like a family

Em

D

C

But I will not mourn for you

Em

D

Am

C

So take up your makeup and pocket your pills away

Am

Cm

We re kings among runaways

G

On the bus mall

Cm

G

We re down on the bus mall

Intro x2

Cmaj7

Among all the urchins and old chinese merchants

G

Of the old town

Cmaj7

We reigned at the pool hall with one iron cue ball

G

And we never let the bastards get us down

Cmaj7

And we laughed off the quick tricks, the old men with limp dicks

G

On the colonnades of the waterfront park

Cmaj7

As four in the morning came on cold and boring

G

We huddled close

Em

Am

Asus2

Am

In the bus stop enclosure enfolding

C

Cmaj7-C

Our hands tightly holding

Em

D

Am

C

But here in our hollow we fused like a family

Em

D

C

But I will not mourn for you

Em

D

Am

C

So take up your makeup and pocket your pills away

Am

Cm

We re kings among runaways

G

On the bus mall

Cm

G

We re down on the bus mall

Cm

G

We re down on the bus mall (At this point, Guitar 2 comes in with Intro riff)

Cm

G

Down on the bus mall

D Cmaj7 G Cmaj7 G

Ohhhh

Chords Used:

[EADGBe]

Cmaj7

[x32000]

G

[320033]

C

[x32010]

Em

[022000]

Am

[x02210]

Asus2

[x02200]

D

[xx0232]

Cm

[x35543] or [x3x043]

| h Hammer-on
| p Pull-off
