

**The Rakes Song**  
**The Decemberists**

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Tuning: Standard EADGBe

**G**  
I had entered into a marriage  
**G**  
In the summer of my twenty-first year  
**G**  
And the bells rang for our wedding  
**G**  
Only now do I remember it clear  
**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**  
Alright, alright, alright  
**G**  
No more a rake and no more a bachelor  
**G**  
I was wedded and it whetted my thirst  
**G**  
Until her womb started spilling out babies  
**G**  
Only then did I reckon my curse  
**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**  
Alright, alright, alright  
**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**  
Alright, alright, alright  
**G**  
First came Isaiah with his crinkled little fingers  
**G**  
Then came Charlotte and that wretched girl Dawn  
**G**  
Ugly Myfanwy died on delivery  
**G**  
Mercifully taking her mother along  
**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**  
Alright, alright, alright  
**G**  
What can one do when one is a widower  
**G**  
Shamefully saddled with three little pests?  
**G**  
All that I wanted was the freedom of a new life  
**G**

So my burden I began to divest

**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**

Alright, alright, alright

**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**

Alright, alright, alright

**G**

Charlotte I buried after feeding her foxglove

**G**

Dawn was easy, she was drowned in the bath

**G**

Isaiah fought but was easily bested

**G**

Burned his body for incurring my wrath

**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**

Alright, alright, alright

**G**

And that s how I came your humble narrator

**G**

To be living so easy and free

**G**

Expect that you think that I should be haunted

**G**

But it never really bothers me

**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**

Alright, alright, alright

**Am Cm Gm Em Gm Em**

Alright, alright, alright

**Am**