

**Absent Friends**  
**The Divine Comedy**

INTRO (These are trumpets in the original but you can still play the chords with the guitar)  
(Single strums until final C)

**C Dm C Dm C**

**C**

Absent friends, here s to them  
And happy days

**Am**

**F**

We thought that they would never end

**C**

Here s to absent friends

**C**

Little Jean Seberg seemed  
So full of life

**Am**

**F**

But in those eyes such troubled dreams

**C**

Poor little Jean

**C**

Woodbine Willie couldn t rest until he d

**Am**

**F**

Given every bloke a final smoke before the killing

**Dm C**

Old Woodbine Willie

**D**

Steve McQueen jumped the first one clean

**Bm**

**G**

But the great escape he tried to make was not to be

**D**

Maybe next time Steve

**D**

Laika flew through inky blue

**Bm**

**G**

Til Laika neared the atmosphere and Laika knew

**D**

Laika s life was through

(Single strums all through this verse)

**Am Dm C Bm**

**Am**

**A**

Oscar Wilde was a lonely child

**Am**                **C**    **F**                **Am**                **D**  
He fought and won acceptance from the world

**Dm**                **D**                **G**  
They smiled, they laughed, they praised

**C** (on the C back the normal strumming)  
They drove poor Oscar to his grave

**C**  
Absent friends, here s to them  
And happy days

**Am**                                **F**  
We thought that they would never end

**C**  
But they always end

**Am**                                **F**                **C**  
Raise your glasses then to absent friends