

**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