

**Sitting On A Fence**  
**The Housemartins**

Song: Sitting on a Fence  
Artist: The Housemartins  
Album: London 0 Hull 4 (1986)  
Tabbed By: Alex Blackburne

Pretty simple song, although I recommend that you listen to the actual track to get the timings for the Chorus as the chords are only played at certain times.

Intro

**Gm / Cm / F / F (x2)**

Verse

**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who sees no sense in fighting  
**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who sees no sense at all  
**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who strokes his twenty beards  
**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who only drinks real ale

Pre-Chorus

**Gm Cm F**  
But the real problem with this man  
**Gm Cm F**  
Is he says he can't when he can  
**Eb Bb**  
He'd rather not get his hands dirty  
**Eb D**  
He'll still be there when he's thirty

Chorus

**Gm Cm**  
I told myself to keep my mouth shut  
**F**  
But I still end up saying if and but  
**Gm Cm**  
I lied to myself right from the start  
**F**  
And I've just worked out that I'm falling apart  
  
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**Gm / Cm / F / F (x2)**

Verse

**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who looks up to his guardian  
**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who swings from poll to poll  
**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who sees both sides of both sides  
**Gm Cm F**  
Sitting on a fence is a man who looks down on opinion

Pre-Chorus

**Gm Cm F**  
But the real problem with this man  
**Gm Cm F**  
Is he says he can't when he can  
**Eb Bb**  
He'd rather not get his hands dirty  
**Eb D**  
He'll still be there when he's thirty

Chorus

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Drums & Bass Breakdown (x4)

Chorus

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**F**  
But I still end up saying if and but  
**Gm Cm**  
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**F**  
And I've just worked out that I'm falling apart

Outro

**Gm Cm**  
I told myself, I told myself  
**F**  
And I've just worked out that I'm falling apart  
**Gm Cm**  
I lied to myself, I lied to myself  
**F**  
And I've just worked out that I'm falling apart  
**Gm Cm**

I told myself, I told myself

**F**

And Iâ€™ve just worked out that Iâ€™m falling apart