

**Passing Through A Screen Door**  
**The Wonder Years**

Stoked for this CD. Please support this band, they are unbelievable.  
I took a go at this song. These chords are for  
Acoustic but it should be pretty spot on to play along with  
the actually song. Sorry if any of it is wrong.

1/2 Step Down

[Verse]

**E** **G#m**  
Cigarette smoke dances back in the window  
**A** **C#m** **B**  
And I can see the haze on the dome light.  
**E** **G#m**  
I`m conjuring ghosts on a forty-hour ride home  
**A** **C#m** **B**  
And they keep asking me what I`m doing with my life,  
**A** **B** **C#m**  
While my cousins go to bed with their wives.  
**A** **B** **F#m**  
I m feeling like I ve fallen behind.

[Verse 2]

**E**  
Well the highway won.  
**G#m**  
I`m listening to traffic reports,  
**A** **C#m** **B**  
One on one, coming quietly undone.  
**E** **G#m**  
I was born to run away from anything good  
**A**  
An escape artist`s son  
**C#m** **B**  
With sun-drenched pavement in my blood.  
**A** **B** **C#m**  
The first thing that I do when I walk in  
**A** **B** **F#m**  
Is plan a way out for when shit gets bad

[Chorus]

**C#m** **B** **A** **E** **C#m**

And I've been looking for tears in the screen door.

**B A**

(tears in the screen door)

**C#m B A E C#m**

I've been waiting for another disaster.

**B A**

(another disaster)

**E A G#m - A - C#m - B**

[Verse 2]

**E G#m**

I'm terrified like a kid in the sixties,

**A C#m B**

Staring at the sky waiting for the bomb to fall.

**E G#m**

It's all a lie, what they say about stability.

**A**

It scares me sometimes,

**C#m B F#m**

The emptiness I see in my eyes.

[Bridge]

**G#m A B**

All the kid's names I've ever liked are tied to tragedy

**F#m G#m A B**

And I don't want my children growing up to be anything like me.

[Chorus]

**C#m B A E C#m**

And I've been looking for tears in the screen door.

**B A**

(tears in the screen door)

**C#m B A E C#m**

I've been waiting for another disaster.

**B A**

(another disaster)

**C#m A B**

But I was kind of hoping you'd stay.

**C#m A E**

I was kind of hoping you'd stay.

**A - E - B**

[Verse 3]

**C#m**

I keep a flashlight

**A**

**E**

**B**

And a small knife in the corner of my bed stand.

**C#m**

**A**

I keep a flashlight and the train times,

**E**

But you wouldn't understand.

**B**

How could you understand?

**E**

**A**

Jesus Christ. I'm twentysix.

**C#m**

**A**

All the people I graduated with

**E**

**A**

All have kids, all have wives,

**C#m**

**A**

All have people who care if they come home at night.

**C#m**

**B**

Jesus Christ, did I fuck up?

[Chorus]

**C#m**

**B**

**A**

**E**

**C#m**

And I've been looking for tears in the screen door.

**B**

**A**

(tears in the screen door)

**C#m**

**B**

**A**

**E**

**C#m**

I've been waiting for another disaster.

**B**

**A**

(another disaster)

**C#m**

**A**

**B**

But I was kind of hoping you'd stay.

**C#m**

**A**

**B**

I was kind of hoping you'd stay.

**C#m**

**B**

**E**

I was kind of hoping you'd stay.