

## Masochism Tango

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**Em** **Am**  
I ache for the touch of your lips, dear  
**D7** **G**  
But much more for the touch of your whips, dear  
**B7** **Em** **Am**  
You can raise welts like nobody else  
**B7** **Em**  
As we dance to the masochism tango

**Em** **Am**  
Let our love be a flame, not an ember  
**D7** **G**  
Say it s me that you want to dismember  
**B7** **Em** **Am**  
Blacken my eye, set fire to my tie  
**B7** **Em**  
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**Am** **D7** **G**  
At your command before you here I stand  
**Em** **Am**  
My heart is in my hand  
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**Ebdim7** **E E7**  
It s here that I must be  
**Am** **D7** **G**  
My heart entreats, just hear those savage beats  
**Em** **Am** **D7** **G** **B7**  
And go put on your cleats and come and trample me

**Em** **Am**  
Your heart is hard as stone or mahogany  
**D7** **G**  
Which is why I m in such exquisite agony  
**B7** **Em** **Am**  
My soul is on fire, it s aflame with desire  
**B7** **Em**  
Which is why I perspire when we tango

**C** **C7**  
You caught my nose  
**F**  
In your left castanet, love  
**B7**  
I can feel the pain yet, love  
**Em**  
Ev ry time I hear drums

**C C7**

And I envy the rose

**F**

That you held in your teeth, love

**B7**

With the thorns underneath, love

**Em B7**

Sticking into your gums

**Em**

**Am**

Your eyes cast a spell that bewitches

**D7**

**G**

The last time I needed twenty stitches

**B7**

**Em**

**Am**

To sew up the gash that you made with your lash

**B7**

**Em**

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**Am**

**D7**

**G**

Bash in my brain and make me scream with pain

**Em**

**Am**

**Ebdim7**

**E E7**

Then kick me once again and say we ll never part

**Am**

**D7**

**G**

I know too well I m underneath your spell

**Em**

**Am**

**D7**

**G**

**B7**

So, Darling, if you smell something burning, it s my heart

**Em**

**Am**

Take your cigarette from its holder

**D7**

**G**

And burn your initials in my shoulder

**B7**

**Em**

**Am**

Fracture my spine and swear that you re mine

**B7**

**Em**

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