

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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