

Dirt In The Ground  
Tom Waits

DIRT IN THE GROUND (Tom Waits) [tab by AL#13]  
(written by T. Waits and Kathleen Brennan)  
from Bone Machine--1992

capo on 1st

Verse 1:

Fm C# Fm

What does it matter, a dream of love

C#

Or a dream of lies

Eb G#

We re all gonna be the same place

C7

When we die

Fm C#

Your spirit don t leave knowing

Fm C#

Your face or your name

Eb

And the wind through your bones

G# C7

Is all that remains

Fm C# Eb Fm

And we re all gonna be...

(4 times)

Em (sung only)

Just dirt in the ground

Verse 2:

F# C#  
The quill from a buzzard  
F# C#  
The blood writes the word  
Eb G#  
I want to know am I the sky  
C7  
or the bird  
F# C#  
Cause hell is boiling over  
F# C#  
And heaven is full  
Eb  
We re chained to the world  
G# C7  
And we all gotta pull

**Fm** **C# Eb Fm**

And we re all gonna be...

(4 times)

**Fm**

...Just dirt in the ground

Verse 3:

**Fm C#**

Now the killer was smiling

**Fm C#**

With nerves made of stone

**Eb**

He climbed the stairs

**G# C7**

And the gallows groaned

**Fm C#**

And the people s hearts were pounding

**Fm C#**

They were throbbing, they were red

**Eb**

As he swung out over the crowd

**G# C7**

I heard the hangman said

**Fm C# Eb Fm**

We re all gonna be...

(4 times)

**Fm**

Just dirt in the ground

Verse 4:

**Fm C#**

Now Cain slew Able

**Fm C#**

He killed him with a stone

**Eb**

The sky cracked open

**G# C7**

And the thunder groaned

**Fm C#**

Along a river of flesh

**Fm C#**

Can these dry bones live?

**Eb**

Ask a king or a beggar

**G# C7**

And the answer they ll give

**Fm C# Eb Fm**

Is we re all gonna be...

(4 times)

**Fm**

We re all gonna be just