

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:

**Dm**                      **Bb**                      **Dm**  
What does it matter, a dream of love

Or a dream of lies

**C**                      **F**

We re all gonna be the same place

**A7**  
When we die

**Dm** **Bb**  
Your spirit don t leave knowing

Dm	Bb
Your face or your name	

**C**  
And the wind through your bones

**F**            **A7**  
Is all that remains

**Dm**                                  **Bb**    **C**    **Dm**  
And we re all gonna be...

(4 times)

Em (sung only)

Just dirt in the ground

Verse 2:

**Dm**                      **Bb**

The quill from a buzzard

**Dm** **Bb**  
The blood writes the word

	<b>C</b>		<b>F</b>
I	want	to	know
am	I	the	sky

**A7**  
or the bird

**Dm      Bb**  
Cause hell is boiling over

**Dm**                      **Bb**  
And heaven is full

**C**  
We re chained to the world

**F**                      **A7**  
And we all gotta pull

**Dm** **Bb C Dm**

And we re all gonna be...

(4 times)

**Dm**

...Just dirt in the ground

Verse 3:

**Dm Bb**

Now the killer was smiling

**Dm Bb**

With nerves made of stone

**C**

He climbed the stairs

**F A7**

And the gallows groaned

**Dm Bb**

And the people s hearts were pounding

**Dm Bb**

They were throbbing, they were red

**C**

As he swung out over the crowd

**F A7**

I heard the hangman said

**Dm Bb C Dm**

We re all gonna be...

(4 times)

**Dm**

Just dirt in the ground

Verse 4:

**Dm Bb**

Now Cain slew Able

**Dm Bb**

He killed him with a stone

**C**

The sky cracked open

**F A7**

And the thunder groaned

**Dm Bb**

Along a river of flesh

**Dm Bb**

Can these dry bones live?

**C**

Ask a king or a beggar

**F A7**

And the answer they ll give

**Dm Bb C Dm**

Is we re all gonna be...

(4 times)

**Dm**

We re all gonna be just