

California English
Vampire Weekend

This song can be played with open chords, but I think that it sounds much better played with barre chords.

Also, if you watch a live performance, The band members play it with barre chords.

C# C# C#

Wouldn't ever gag you with a spoon, my only true love

C# C# C#

Never really heard you speak that way, it's unworthy of?

C# C# C#

Funny how that little college girl called language corrupt

C# C# C#

Funny how the other private schools had no Hapa Club

C# C# C#

Someone took a trip before you came to ski in the Alps

C# C# C#

Your father moved across the country just to sunburn his scalp

C# C# C#

Contra Costa, Contra Mundum, contradict what I say

C# C# C#

F#

Living like the French Connection, but we'll die in LA

Fm

G#

C#

F#

Blasted from a disconnected light switch

Fm

G#

C#

F#

Through the condo that they'll never finish

Fm

G#

C#

F#

Bounced across a Saudi satellite dish

Fm

G#

C#

C# C# C#

And through your brain to California English

C# C# C#

No one sits inside a freezing flat and stays there 'til May

C# C# C#

Leafing through a stack of A-Zs to surf the UK

C# C# C#

Waiting with the wind against your face and gel in your hair

C# C# C#

F#

Shivering in little undershirts, but don't seem to care

Fm

G#

C#

F#

Blasted from a disconnected light switch

Fm

G#

C#

F#

Through the condo that they'll never finish

Fm **G#** **C#** **F#**
Bounced across a Saudi satellite dish
Fm **G#** **C#** **C# C# C#**
And through your brain to California English

G#

Sweet carob rice cake

F# **C#**
She don't care how the sweets taste

F#

Fake Philly cheese steak

Fm **C#**
But she use real toothpaste

F#

Cuz if that Tom's don't work

C#

If it just makes you worse

F# **G#** **C#**
Would you loose all of your faith in the good earth

F#

And if it's all a curse

C#

And we're just getting worse

F# **G#** **C#**
Baby, please don't lose your faith in the good earth

Fm **G#** **C#** **F#**
Blasted from a disconnected light switch

Fm **G#** **C#** **F#**
Through the condo that they'll never finish

Fm **G#** **C#** **F#**
Bounced across a Saudi satellite dish
Fm **G#** **C#** **C# C# C#**
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