

# Tear Down the House

*The Avett Brothers*

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*Capo IV (key of B) for recorded version; Capo VII (key of D) for Crackerfarm video version.*

## Intro

G | G/F# | C | G | G | D | G

## Verse 1

(G) G/F# C G  
Tear down the house that I grew up in  
(G) C G  
I'll never be the same again  
(G) G/F# C G  
and take everything that I've collected  
(G) D G  
and throw it in a pile

## Verse 2

(G) G/F# C G  
Bulldoze the woods that I ran through  
(G) C G  
Carry the pictures of me and you  
G G/F# C G  
I have no memory of who I once was  
(G) D G  
and I don't remember your name

## Verse 3

(G) G/F# C G  
Park the old car that I loved the best  
(G) C G  
Inspection's due, and it won't pass the test  
(G) G/F# C G  
It's funny how I have to put it to rest  
(G) D G  
and how one day I will join it

## Verse 4

(G) G/F# C G  
I remember cryin' over you  
(G) C G  
and I don't mean like a couple of tears and I'm blue  
(G) G/F# C G  
I'm talkin about collapsin' and screamin' at the moon  
(G) C G  
but I'm a better man for having gone through it  
(G) D G  
Yes, I'm a better man for having gone through

**Interlude**

G | G | G | G | D | D | G

**Verse 5**

(G) G/F# C G  
Ever since I learned how to curse  
(G) C G  
I've been using those sorry old words  
(G) G/F# C G  
But I'm talkin' to these children and I'm keepin' it clean  
(G) C G  
I don't need those words to say what I mean, no  
(G) D G  
I don't need those words to say what I mean

**Verse 1 Reprise**

G G/F# C G  
Tear down the house that I grew up in  
(G) C G  
I'll never be the same again  
(G) G/F# C G  
Take everything that I used to own  
(G) D G  
and burn it in a pile

**Verse 2 Reprise**

(G) G/F# C G  
Bulldoze the woods that I ran through  
(G) C G  
Carry the pictures of me and you  
G G/F# C G  
I have no memory of who I once was  
(G) D G  
and I don't remember your name