

Tear Down the House

The Avett Brothers

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