

When I Drink

The Avett Brothers

Capo II (Key of D) as recorded; Capo IV (key of E) as played live. Harmony

Intro

C | C

Verse 1

C Am
When I drink
F G Am C
I say things I don't want to say
F G C C/B Am
I do things I don't wanna do-----
F G
I talk mean to you
C Am
But if I think
F G Am C
I just might get somethin' out of this
F G C C/B Am
My parents taught me to learn when I miss-----
F G
Just do your best
Am C
Just do your best

Chorus

 Em Dm
It's the only way to keep that last bit of sanity
Am G
Maybe I don't have to be good, but I can try to be
F G
at least a little better than I've been so far

Verse 2

C Am
But when I drink
F G Am C
I hear things that aren't really there
F G C C/B Am
I feel things when I shouldn't really care-----
F G
have fist fights with the air
C Am
But if I think
F G Am C
about someone be--sides myself
F G C C/B Am
I lived through the silver and the bell-----
F G
with something to tell
Am C
Just do your best

Chorus

Em Dm
It's the only way to keep that last bit of sanity
Am G
Maybe I don't have to be good, but I can try to be
F G
at least a little better than I've been so far

Verse 3

C Am
But when I drink
F G Am C
I spend the next morning in a haze
F G C C/B Am
But we only get so many days-----
F G
Now I have one less
Am C
Just do your best

Chorus

Em Dm
It's the only way to keep that last bit of sanity
Am G
Maybe I don't have to be good, but I can try to be
F G
at least a little better than I've been so far
F G C
at least a little better than I've been so far-----