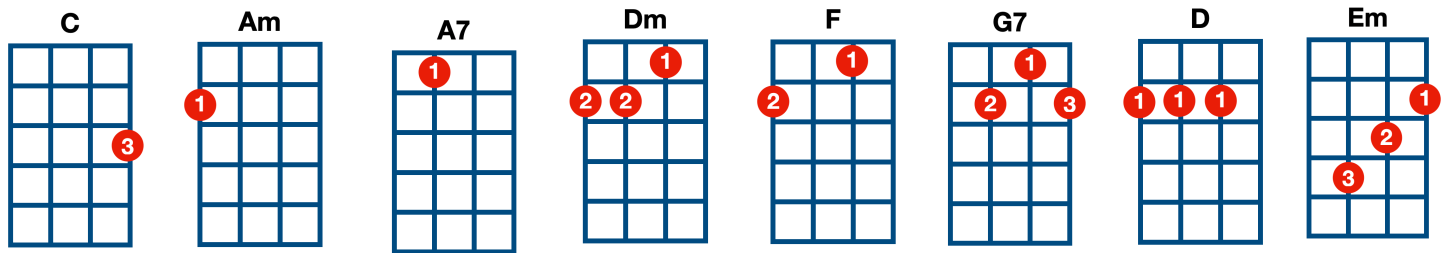


Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs

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Intro: [C] //// [C] ////

He [C] painted Salford's smoky tops, on [Am] cardboard boxes from the shops
 And [A7] parts of Ancoats where I used to [Dm] play
 I'm [F] sure he once walked down our street
 'Cos he [C] painted kids who had now't on their feet
 The [G7] clothes they wore had all seen better [C] days [G7]

Now they [C] said his works of art were dull, no [Am] room old lad, the walls are full
 But [A7] Lowry didn't care much any-[Dm]-way
 They [F] said he just paints cats and dogs, and [C] matchstalk men in boots and clogs
 And [G7] Lowry said "That's just the way they'll [C] stay" [G7]

Chorus:

And he painted [C] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [Dm] dogs,
 He painted [G7] kids on the corner of the street that were sparking [C] clogs,
 Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits, out-[Dm]-side them factory gates,
 To paint his [G7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [C] dogs [G7]

Now [C] canvas and brushes were wearing thin, when [Am] London started calling him
 To [A7] come on down and wear the old flat [Dm] cap
 They said [F] "Tell us all about your ways, and [C] all about them Salford days
 Is it [G7] true you're just an ordinary [C] chap?" [G7]

Chorus:

And he painted [C] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [Dm] dogs,
He painted [G7] kids on the corner of the street that were sparking [C] clogs,
Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits, out-[Dm]-side them factory gates,
To paint his [G7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [C] dogs [G7]

Now [C] Lowry's hang upon the wall, be-[Am]-side the greatest of them all
And [A7] even the Mona Lisa takes a [Dm] bow
This [F] tired old man with hair like snow, told [C] Northern folk "It's time to go"
The [G7] fever came and the good Lord mopped his [C] brow [G7]

Chorus:

And he left us [C] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [Dm] dogs
He left us [G7] kids on the corner of the street that were sparking [C] clogs
Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits, out-[Dm]-side them pearly gates
To paint his [G7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [C] dogs

Chorus:

[A7] And he left us [D] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [Em] dogs
He left us [A7] kids on the corner of the street that were sparking [D] clogs,
Now he [D] takes his brush and he waits, out-[Em]-side them pearly gates
To paint his [A7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [D] // dogs
[G] // [D] / [A7] / [D] /