

## **Carpenter Mary-Chapin "Beautiful Racket"**

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So your day begins like this  
Wondering what might have been  
Old regrets and chances missed  
Borne away on some lambent wind  
The job's ok, so it doesn't inspire  
Thoughts of leaving it all behind  
You used to have dreams of setting the world on fire  
All you want now is peace of mind

Chorus:

And a beautiful racket, it whispers and roars  
The bitter and sweet, between the truces and the wars  
The noise and the quiet, the courage and the fear  
And all of the wisdom between a smile and a tear

You do your dreaming in traffic jams  
You do your running in shopping malls  
You do your breathing the best you can  
Between car pools and cell phone calls  
Who cares, you'll never live in Paris  
So what, you'll never travel by Lear  
How do some of us learn what matters  
While others never get to hear

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And all of the wisdom between a smile and a tear

Hold on, hold on

So your day will end like this  
Turning slowly down your street  
Silent worlds of kitchens lit  
Front yards full of fallen leaves  
Trees are bare, the garden's done  
Another season gone to earth  
Before you blink a new one comes  
To remind you what the old one's worth

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The bitter and sweet, between the truces and the wars

The noise and the quiet, the courage and the fear  
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Such a beautiful racket...such a beautiful racket...  
hold on...such a beautiful racket...hold on...

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