

## **The Weakerthans**

# **"My Favourite Chords"**

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They're tearing up streets again.  
They're building a new hotel.  
The Mayor's out killing kids to keep taxes down,  
and me and my anger sit folding a paper bird,  
letting the curtains turn to beating wind.  
Wish I had a socket-set to dismantle this morning.  
And just one pair of clean socks.  
And a photo of you.  
When you get off work tonight,  
meet me at the construction site,  
and we'll write some notes to tape to the heavy  
machines,  
like "We hope they treat you well. Hope you don't work  
too hard.  
We hope you get to be happy sometimes."  
Bring your swiss-army knife, and a bottle of something,  
and I'll bring some spraypaint and a new deck of cards.  
Hey I found the safest place to keep all our tenderness.  
Keep all those bad ideas. Keep all our hope.  
It's here in the smallest bones, the feet and the inner-  
ear.  
It's such an enormous thing to walk and to listen.  
I'd like to fall asleep to the beat of you breathing  
in a room near a truckstop on a highway somewhere.  
You are a radio. You are an open door.  
I am a faulty string of blue christmas lights.  
You swim through frequencies.  
You let that stranger in, as I'm blinking off and on and  
off again.  
We've got a lot of time.  
Or maybe we don't, but I'd like to think so, so let me  
pretend.  
These are my favourite chords.  
I know you like them too.  
When I get a new guitar, you can have this one and  
sing me a lullaby.  
Sing me the alphabet.  
Sing me a story I haven't heard yet.

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