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The Ragpickers Dream album chords by Mark Knopfler
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1 - Why aye man

Time: 4/4
Key: D Minor

Tuning: Dropped D (DADGBE)

D5	 	[000235]
G5	 	[5x0033]
G5add9	 	[5x0035]

Dsus2.....[000230] Fsus2.....[3x3011] Bbsus2.....[8x0066]

C.....[x32013]

Gm.....[5x5333] F.....[3x3211] Dsus4/C.....[x3x233]

| D5 |

We had no way of staying afloat
We had to leave on the ferry boat

Economic refugees

On the run to germany

 $$\tt G5$$ $$\tt Gadd9$$ We had the back of maggie's hand

Times were tough in geordieland (D5)

We got wor tools and working gear

And humped it all from newcastle to here

Dsus2 Fsus2 G5

Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
G5 Bbsus2 C

Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
Dsus2 Fsus2 G5

Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
G5 C D5

Why aye man, why aye man

We're the nomad tribes, traveling boys

In the dust and dirt and the racket and the noise

Drills and hammers, diggers and picks

Mixing concrete, laying bricks

G5 G5add9
There's english, Irish, Scots, the lot
D5
United nation's what we've got
(D5)
Brickies, chippies, every trade

German building, British-made

Dsus2 Fsus2 G5

Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
G5 Bbsus2 C

Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
Dsus2 Fsus2 G5

Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
G5 C D5

Why aye man, why aye man

| D5 |

Gm C
Nae more work on maggie's farm
F Dm Dsus4/C
Hadaway down the autobahn
Gm C
Mine's a portacabin bed
F Dm Dsus4/C
Or a bunk in a nissen hut instead

There's plenty deutschmarks here to earn
And german tarts are wunderschoen
German beer is chemical-free
Germany's alreet with me

G5 G5add9
Sometimes I miss my river Tyne
D5
But you're my pretty fraulein
(D5)
Tonight we'll drink the old town dry
Keep our spirit levels high

Dsus2 Fsus2 G5
Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
G5 Bbsus2 C
Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
Dsus2 Fsus2 G5
Why aye man, why aye, why aye man
G5 C D5
Why aye man, why aye man

| D5 |

Gm C
Sometimes I miss my river tyne
F Dm Dsus4/C
But you're my pretty fraulein
Gm C
Tonight we'll drink the old town dry
F Dm Dsus4/C
Keep our spirit levels high

Gm C
Sometimes I miss my river tyne
F Dm Dsus4/C
But you're my pretty fraulein

Gm
Tonight we'll drink the old town dry
F Dm Dsus4/C
Keep our spirit levels high

Gm	C	F Dm	Dsus4/C
Gm	C	F Dm	Dm
Gm	C	F Dm	Dsus4/C
Gm	C	F Dm	Dm
Gm	C	F Dm	Dsus4/C
Gm	C	F Dm	Dm

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Time: 4/4 and 3/4
Key: D Major
Capo: 7
Chords:
Dsus2 [xx0230]
Asus2 [x02200]
| G Gsus2 | G | x4
      G
The freaks'll stay together
They're a tight old crew
 D/F#
You look at them
                      Gsus2
And they look at you
I love the ballyhoo girl
               C/G
But she don't care
                      D/F#
                            Em
                                  Em7
It's hard to find love anywhere
                 D/F# G
                            D/F#
                                  Dsus4/F# (last two chords x4)
Hard to find love anywhere
The professor is the talker
He's the talking man
           D/F#
And if he can't clean a midway
            Gsus2 G
Nobody can
He'll get the tip on in
From the midway mud
                          D/F#
                                          Em7
You gotta have the sawdust in the blood
 C/G
                                     D/F#
                       D/F#
                                G
                                            Dsus4/F# D/F#
Gotta have the sawdust in the blood
                               C/G
                                            CMaj7/G
         G
See the pig-faced man and the monkey girl
                           G/F#
                      G
Come see the big fat lady
                                     Am Am/G
Gator slim with the alligator skin
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2 - Devil Baby

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Come see the devil baby
 G | C/G | D/F# | G | G | C/G | C/G | D/F# | Em Em7 |
| C/G D/F# | G | D/F# Dsus2/F# | D/F# |
Springer is the talker
                   C/G
He's the talking man
                D/F#
He's got the whole studio
                   G
                         Gsus2 G
Eating out of his hand
You can be on too
                        C/G
With the nuts and the geeks
           D/F# Em Em7
Call 1-800-ima freek
C/G D/F# G
                  D/F#
1-800-ima freek
         G
                                 C/G
                                             CMaj7/G
See the pig-faced man and the monkey girl
                            G/F#
                      G
Come see the big fat lady
                                      Am Am/G
                     Am
Gator slim with the alligator skin
Come see the devil baby
                                 C/G
                                             CMaj7/G
See the pig-faced man and the monkey girl
                            G/F#
                       G
Come see the big fat lady
                                      Am Am/G
Gator slim with the alligator skin
 D/F#
Come see the devil baby
  G | C/G | D/F# | G
 G | C/G | C/G D/F# | Em Em7 |
C/G D/F# | G | D/F# Dsus2/F# | D/F# |
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D/F#

D/F# |

3 - Hill Farmer's Blues

Time: 4/4 and 2/4

Key: E Minor

Capo: 5

Gsus2......[3x020x] Asus2......[x0220x] G/A.....[x0423x]

| G | % Gsus2 | Asus2 | % D/F# | x3 | G | % Gsus2 | Asus2 | % | | Bm | % |

Bm

G/A

I'm going into tow law

G Gsus2 G/A

For what I need

A

Chain for the ripsaw

Bm

Killer for the weed

Bm G/A

The dog's at the back door

G Gsus2 G/A

Leave him be

Δ

Don't feed him jack

Bm

And don't wait up for me

Bm G/A

Going into tow law

G Gsus2

To fuel my fire

G/A A

Shells for the twelve

Bm

And razor wire

Bm G/A

The dog's at the back door

G Gsus2 G/A

Leave him be

Α

Don't do jack

Bm G/A

And don't wait up for me

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G
So bad
Asus2 D/F#
So bad
G
So bad
Asus2
So bad
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Bm G/A
I'm going into tow law
G Gsus2 G/A
To have my fun
A
Don't get me wrong
Bm
You were the only one

Bm G/A
Behind my back lord
G Gsus2 G/A
You made a fool of me
A
Don't do jack
Bm G/A
And don't wait up for me

G
So bad
Asus2 D/F#
So bad
G
So bad
Asus2
So bad

| G | % | Asus2 | % D/F# |

A Place Where We Used to Live

Time: 4/4 Key: A Minor Capo: No E7.....[020100] CMaj7....[x3545x] or [x3200x]FMaj7....[1x221x] or [133210] | Am | E7 E | x2 Am **E7** This empty kitchen's where **E**7 Am I'd while away the hours **E**7 Just next to my old chair Dm7 You'd usually have some flowers E **E7** Am The shelves of books Am/F# Even the picture hooks Dm7 Everything is gone But my heart is hanging on **E7** If this old neighborhood E7 E Am Survived us both alright C Don't know that it withstood **E7** Dm7 All the things that took our light E **E**7 Am Am/G You on the stair Am/F# I can see you there Dm7 **E7** Everything is gone But my heart is hanging on FMaj7 CMaj7 FMaj7 Once there was a little girl

CMaj7

FMaj7

Used to wonder what she would be CMaj7 Went out into the big wide world FMaj7 Now she's just a memory CMaj7

There used to be a little school here CMaj7 FMaj7

Where I learned to write my name

CMaj7 But time has been a little cruel here FMaj7

FMaj7 Time has no shame

Dm7

G CMaj7 It's just a place where FMaj7 Dm7 We used to live

CMaj7 It's just a place where FMaj7

We used to live

Am

E7 Now in another town

Am Am **E7** E

You lead another life

C **E7**

And now upstairs and down

Dm7 E7

You're someone else's wife

E7 E Am

Here in the dust

Am/G Am/F#

There's not a trace of us

Dm7

Everything is gone

Am

But my heart is hanging on

Dm7

G CMaj7 It's just a place where FMaj7

We used to live

| Dm7 | G | CMaj7 | FMaj7 |

5 - Quality Shoe

Time: 4/4 Key: F Major Capo: 5

G7....[323003] C#dim.....[x1202x]

| C F | C F | C F | C |

G7 You got your toecaps reinforced with steel Hard-wearing sole and heel C#dim G7 C Make those tired feet feel like new

G7 Take your pick, black or crown Great for the country or the man in town You're gonna need a quality shoe

C You don't want no stand-by pair

'Cos these'll take the wear and tear C#dim G7

Made to take good care of you

C G7 For that trip by road or rail For extra grip on those rocky trails You're gonna need a quality shoe

G7 G7 Now they maybe ain't too hot for dancing But I don't foresee too much of that You ain't exactly gonna be prancing C#dim Around in the moonlight

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With a cane and a top hat
C
                                   G7
If you could use a change of pace
And be excused from the rat race
             G7
                                    C C#dim G7
Just take a look at what's on view
                          G7
Lace 'em up, walk around
I guarantee you can't wear 'em down
                                        G7
You're gonna need a quality shoe
    | F | G7 | C |
     G7 | C C#dim | G7 |
     F | G7 | C |
  C
  F | G7 | C - F Fm | C |
G7
Now I wish you sunny skies
                                   Em
And happiness wherever you may go
But you got to realise
                               C#dim
             Em
There'll be wind, there'll be rain
And occasional snow
C
You're gonna want to smile in them
If you're gonna walk a mile in them
                                       C#dim G7
There'll be times when you'll be blue
C
                                 G7
To laugh at rainy days and then
Make your getaways in them
You're gonna need
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Dm7

You're gonna need
G7
You're gonna need
C F C G7
A quality shoe

C F G7
You got your toecaps reinforced with steel
C F
Hard-wearing sole and heel
G7 C C#dim G7
Make those tired feet feel like new

C F G7
Take your pick, black or brown

Great for the country or the man in town

You're gonna need a quality shoe

| C F | C F | C F | C |

6 - Fare Thee Well Northumberland

Time: 4/4
Key: C Modal

Capo: 5

G5.....[3x003x]
D5.....[xx023x]
C9sus2.....[x3003x]

| G5 |

Come drive me down to the central station

I hate to leave my river tyne

For some damn town that's god-forsaken

Fare thee well, Northumberland

Although I'll go where the lady takes me

She'll never tell what's in her hand

I do not know what fate awaits me

Fare thee well, northumberland

G5

My heart beats for my streets and alleys C9sus2 D5 G5

Longs to dwell in the borderlands

G5

The north-east shore and the river valleys C9sus2 D5 G5

Fare thee well, northumberland

C9sus2 G5

I'm bound to ramble and to roam

G5

I only say my heart is grieving

C9sus2 D5 G5

I would not gamble on my coming home

G5

Roll on, Geordie boy, roll

G5

So drive me down to the central station C9sus2 D5 G5

I hate to leave my river tyne

G5

For some damn town that's god-forsaken C9sus2 D5 G5

Goodbye old friend of mine

C9sus2 G5

Although i'll go where the lady takes me

She'll never tell what's in her hand

G5

I do not know what fate awaits me C9sus2 D5 G5

Fare thee well, northumberland

G5

So roll on, Geordie boy, roll

| G5 |

7 - Marbletown

Time: 4/4 Key: G Modal

Tuning: Dropped D

Capo: 5

D5.....[00023x] Csus2.....[x3003x] Csus2/B....[x2003x]G5....[5x003x]Fsus2.....[3x0010] Am7....[x02010]

| D5 |

D5 Csus2

Roll out here mister

Csus2/B

If you need a little rest Fsus2

Roll out here mister

If you need a little rest

Am7 G5

Lay me down in Marbletown **D5**

A bone yard is the best

D5 Csus2

Fsus2

There was a bad bull on the railroad

Csus2/B

Tried to put me off his train

G5

There was a bad bull on the railroad

Tried to put me off his train

Lay me down in Marbletown

'Til the coast is clear again

D5

I can hear them a-hollerin'

'We got a man down here

We got a man down'

D5 Csus2

I'm gonna flip me a cannonball

Csus2/B D5
That won't stop for anyone
G5 Fsus2
Flip me a cannonball
D5
That won't stop for anyone
Am7 G5
Lay me down in Marbletown

D5
Wait 'til morning comes

Csus2

D5
I'm gonna roll out here in the tombstones
Csus2/B D5
Wait here on my train

G5 Fsus2

Roll out here in the tombstones
D5

Wait here on my train

Am7 G5

Lay me down in Marbletown
D5

I hope that it don't rain

D5

And I can still hear them hollerin

''We got a man down here

We got a man down'

D5 Csus2

Roll out here mister

Csus2/B D5

If you need a little rest G5 Fsus2

Roll out here mister

D5

If you need a little rest

Am7 G5

Lay me down in Marbletown

D5

A bone yard is the best

8 - You Don't Know You're Born

Time: 4/4
Key: D Modal
Capo: No

D5.....[xx032x]

| D5 |

D5

What do you know about the hammer and the spike

You don't know

You don't know what it's like

What do you know about the farm

Because you don't know

You don't know you're born

What do you know about the hammer and the chisel

You only know the kitchen and the warm

You don't know about the night shift whistle

Punching the clock to the horn

Because you don't know

You don't know you're born

D5

You don't know

F

You don't know you're born

G

You don't know

Bb

You don't know you're born

D5

You don't know

F

You don't know you're born

G

You don't know

Bb C You don't know you're born

D5

What do you know about the hammer and the nails
Know about the thistles and the thorns
What do you know about the road and the rails
Your heart so weary and your hands all worn
Your hands so weary and your heart all torn
And you don't know

You don't know you're born

D5

You don't know you're born G You don't know

You don't know you're born

D5 F You don't know you're born

You don't know

Bb C

You don't know you're born

| C | Bb | x4

| C | Bb | solo to fade out

9 - Coyote

Time: 4/4
Key: D Modal
Capo: No

D5....[xx023x]

| D5 |

Look at me coyote

Don't let a little road dust put you off

You can't judge a book

Well you know that stuff

There's a tear in my upholstery

And a hole in my shoe

But don't you just wish that you could

Make half of the speed I do

G D5

Speed I do, speed I do, speed I do

D5

You can't catch me coyote

Though there may be blood on the tracks

There may be some bridges burning

Behind our backs

But I got my laundry on the backseat

And an itinerary too

And don't you just wish that you could

Make half of the speed I do

F G D5

Speed I do, speed I do, speed I do

Speed I do, speed I do

Now I'm a speck on your horizon

Getting smaller fast

An ambush wouldn't be surprising

I hope it's better than your last

D5

Once again the roadrunner

Leaves the coyote in the dirt

You've got another plan of action

But we all know it ain't never gonna work

It must be hard having dog dreams

That never come true

And don't you just wish that you could

Make half of the speed I do

F

G

Speed I do, speed I do, speed I do

F

Speed I do, speed I do, speed I do

F

Speed I do, speed I do, speed I do

F

Speed I do, speed I do, speed I do

10 - The Ragpicker's Dream

Time: 3/4
Key: E Major

Capo: 2

D/A
G6[3x243x] Gm6[3x233x] Asus4[x0223x]
Abm7b5[4x443x] D7/Ab[4x453x] Abdim[4x343x] Gm6/Bb

D/A G DMaj7/F#

When Jack Frost came for christmas

Gsus2

With a brass monkey date

D/F# Bm

The rail-king and the scarecrow

Hopped a Florida freight

D/A G DMaj7/F#

And they blew on their paper cups

GSU

And stared through the steam

D/F#

Then they drank half a bottle

G Em

Of Ragpicker's Dream

G6 Gm6

Where the whiskey keeps following

A D/A Fm Bn

Cold pitchers of beer

D/A

Me and my associate

Gsus2 Asus4

Like the clientele here

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D/F#
                                DMaj7/F#
                         G
Get the onions and the 'taters
                  Gsus2 D/F#
Rib-eyes on the grill
                Bm
Toothpicks and luckies
And a coffee refill
 D/A | G | DMaj7/F# | Gsus2 |
| D/F# | Bm | G | A |
        D/F#
                     G
                             DMaj7/F#
As the rail-king lay rocking
                     Gsus2
He was leaving the ground
              D/F#
                         Bm
                                     G
Then he was flying like Santa Claus
Over the town
          D/F#
                     G
                             DMaj7/F#
Where he came to the window
                   Gsus2 D/F#
Of a house by a stream
It was a family christmas
                     Em7
                          (Em7)
In the Ragpicker's Dream
            D/F#
                       G
                             DMaj7/F#
There were kids at the table
                  Gsus2 D/F#
All aglow in the light
             Bm
Music in the wintertime
                 Em
Sure carries at night
           D/F#
                          DMaj7/F#
There was turkey and gravy
              Abm7b5 (Abm7b5)
Pie and ice-cream
     D/A
And gifts for each and everyone
In the Ragpicker's Dream
           G6
Where the red-eye keeps tumbling
         A D/A
                 Fm
In our glasses of beer
             D/A
Me and my associate
          G
                     Asus4
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Like the service in here
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D/F# G DMaj7/F#

There's a ten for your trouble

Gsus2

You have beautiful hair

D/F# B

Make the last one two doubles

G = Em7 (Em7)

It's a cold one out there

D/F# G DMaj7/F#

Where the scarecrow and the rail-king

Gsus2

Have started to dance

D/F# Bm

But a nightstick and a billyclub

G Em7

Won't give peace a chance

D/F# G D/F#

Here I think they went thataways

Abm7b5 (Abm7b5)

Your song and dance team

D/A E

Heading home for the holidays

G = Em7 (Em7)

With the Ragpicker's Dream

D/A G DMaj7/F#

On his knees like a fighter

Gsus2 D/F#

The rail-riding king

Bm

Like a sack of potatoes

G Em

Like a bull in the ring

D/F# G D/F#

Where the scarecrow falls over

D7/Ab (D7/Ab) Gm6 (Gm6)

With a tear in the seam

D/A Bm

Home for the rover

G F

In the Ragpicker's Dream

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G6 Gm6

Where the red-eye keeps tumbling

A D/A Fm Bm

Like tears in our beer D/A

Me and my associate

G Asus4

Like the ambience here

D/F# G D/F#

Where they cornered two castaways

Abdim (Abdim) Gm6 (Gm6)

In a white flashlight beam

D/A

Merry christmas and happy days

G Em7 Gm6/Bb

In the Ragpicker's Dream

| D/A | G | DMaj7/F# | Gsus2 | | DMaj7/F# | Gsus2 | DMaj7/F# | DMaj7 | | Gsus2 |

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Time: 4/4
Key: G Major
Capo: No
C#dim.....[x4535x] or [9x898x]
| G E7 | A7 D7 | G | % |
Oh, you're gonna miss your daddy when he's gone
When he's gone
Yeah, you're gonna miss your daddy when he's gone
When he's gone
Daddy's gone down that gallatin road
                            C#dim
The hen never laid and the corn never growed
                            D7
Oh, you're gonna miss your daddy when he's gone
Oh, I'd rather have a dollar than a dime
Than a dime
Yeah, I'd rather have a dollar than a dime
Than a dime
                         В
Daddy's gone down that crossville track
                                  C#dim
If he can't make a dollar then he ain't comin' back
G E7 A7
                       D7
Oh, I'd rather have a dollar than a dime
  G
      % | C | G |
 G | % | A7 | D7 |
G | B | C | C#dim |
 G E7 | A7 D5 | G | % |
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Oh, you better love your daddy while you can

While you can

11 - Daddy's Gone To Knoxville

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Yeah, you better love your daddy while you can
           D7
While you can
Daddy's gone south on the natchez trace
If the can't show the money then he don't show his face
           A7
Oh, you'd better love your daddy while you can
  G
     કૃ
          C | G |
  G
     8
        | A7 | D7 |
  G | B | C | C#dim |
 G E7 | A7 D5 | G | % |
Oh, your daddy's gone to Knoxville now
Knoxville now
Yeah, your daddy's gone to Knoxville now
Knoxville now
Daddy's gone down that knoxville road
                              C#dim
The dog never barked and the cock never crowed
                           D7
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12 - Old Pigweed

Time: 4/4 Key: F# Major Capo: 6

| C | % | % | % CMaj7 |

F

G7 Everything was in there CMaj7 F С That you'd want to see G7 Corned beef and onions C CMaj7 F And true love C G7

Oh, your daddy's gone to knoxville now

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Turnips and tinned tomatoes
                              F
Parsnips and a few potatoes
A couple extra blessings
From above
      F
                      G7
Now this here mingle-mangle
Was my best one yet
A big old bad goulash
                   CMah7
Worth waiting for
         F
And i'm just about to dip my can
                   Am
Taste some brotherhood of man
When I get a feeling
That there's a flaw
             G7
Who put old pigweed
        C
In the mulligan
        Am F
Was it you
Who put old pigweed
                      C/E F
In the mulligan stew
            G7
I close my eyes
For just a minute
What do you do
Who put old pigweed
        G7
In the mulligan stew
        G7
In the mulligan
In the mulligan
        Dm/F
               G7 C
                        CMaj7
In the mulligan stew
                        G7
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You won't find self-improvement or philosophy

CMaj7

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In a dumpster sitting by
                  CMaj7 F
The kitchen door
There's plenty leek and humble pie
                Am
Ain't too much ham on rye
Sometimes I wonder
What i'm looking for
But a spoonful of forgiveness
                        CMaj7
Goes a long, long way
                   G7
And we all should do our best
         C
              CMaj7 F
To get along
                           G7
                                    C
Add a pinch of kindness crumbling
To your loving dumpling
Okra for thickening
When something's wrong
F
                 G7
But who put old pigweed
In the mulligan
        Am
Was it you
Who put old pigweed
                      C/E F
        C
In the mulligan stew
I close my eyes
For just a minute
             Am
What do you do
             C/G
Who put old pigweed
In the mulligan stew
             C/G
Who put old pigweed
                      F
In the mulligan stew
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G7
In the mulligan
C
In the mulligan
Dm/F
G7
In the mulligan
C
Stew