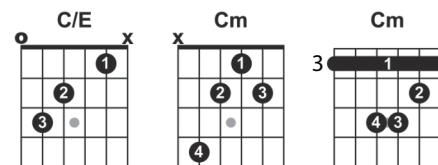


Between the Bars – Elliot Smith

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Key: G **Capo:** 3rd Fret **Notes:** Original song has the guitar tuned down a whole step.
This version has a Capo on for simplified chords.
The Cm's 5th string is probably not played. Making it and E6.



[Intro]

Em - Em - Em - Em

[Verse 1]

Em
Drink up baby,
C
stay up all night.
G
With the things you could do
D
You won't, but you might.
Em
The po - tential you'll be
C
that you'll never see
G B C
The promises you'll only make

[Verse 2]

Em
Drink up with me now
C
And forget all about
G
the pressure of days
D
Do what I say
Em
and I'll make you okay
C
And drive them away
G B C
The images stuck in your head

[Chorus]

C D Em G
The people you've been before
C/E D A7
That you don't want around anymore
C D Em G C
That push and shove and won't bend to your will
Cm
I'll keep them still

[Verse 3]

Em
Drink up baby,
C
look at the stars
G
I'll kiss you again
D
between the bars
Em
Where I'm seeing you there
C
with your hands in the air
G B C
Waiting to finally be caught

[Verse 4]

Em
Drink up one more time
C
and I'll make you mine
G
Keep you apart,
D
deep in my heart
Em
Separate from the rest,
C
where I like you the best
G B C
And keep the things you forgot

[Chorus]

C D Em G
The people you've been before
C/E D A7
That you don't want around anymore
C D Em G C
That push and shove and won't bend to your will
Cm
I'll keep them still