

# When I Drink

The Avett Brothers

Capo II (key of D) for recorded version; Capo IV (key of E) as played live. *Harmony*

## Verse 1

C Am  
When I drink  
F G Am C  
I say things I don't want to say  
F G C C/B Am  
I do things I don't want to do-----  
F G  
I talk mean to you  
C Am  
But if I think  
F G Am C  
I just might get somethin' out of this  
F G C C/B Am  
My parents taught me to learn when I miss-----  
F G  
Just do your best  
Am C  
Just do your best

## Chorus

Em Dm7  
It's the only way to keep that last bit of sanity  
Am G7  
Maybe I don't have to be good, but I can try to be  
F G  
at least a little better than I've been so far

## Verse 2

C Am  
But when I drink  
F G Am C  
I hear things that aren't really there  
F G C C/B Am  
I feel things when I shouldn't really care-----  
F G  
have fist fights with the air  
C Am  
But if I think  
F G Am C  
about someone be--sides myself  
F G C C/B Am  
I lived through the silver and the bell-----  
F G  
with something to tell  
Am C  
Just do your best

