# Cold Cold Ground

Tom Waits 1987

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[C] / [Am] / [C] / [Am] /**

**[C] / [Am] / [C] / [Am] /**

**[C]** Crestfallen sidekick in an **[Am]** old cafe

Never **[C]** slept with a dream before he **[Am]** had to go away

There’s a **[C]** bell in the tower, Uncle **[Am]** Ray bought a round

Don’t **[F]** worry 'bout the army, in the **[G]** cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

Cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

Cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

Cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

Now don’t **[C]** be a cry baby, when there’s **[Am]** wood in the shed

There’s a **[C]** bird in the chimney and a **[Am]** stone in my bed

When the **[C]** road’s washed out, they pass the **[Am]** bottle around

And **[F]** wait in the arms, of the **[G]** cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

The cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

The cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

Cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

There’s a **[C]** ribbon in the willow, there’s a **[Am]** tire swing rope

And a **[C]** briar patch of berries takin’ **[Am]** over the slope

The **[C]** cat’ll sleep in the mailbox and we’ll **[Am]** never go to town

‘Til we **[F]** bury every dream, in the **[G]** cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

Cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

Gimme a **[C]** Winchester rifle and a **[Am]** whole box of shells

**[C]** Blow the roof off the goat barn, let it **[Am]** roll down the hill

The **[C]** piano is firewood, Times **[Am]** Square is a dream

**[F]** Lay down together in the **[G]** cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

Cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

Call the **[C]** cops on the Breedloves, bring a **[Am]** bible and a rope

And a **[C]** whole box of rebel and a **[Am]** bar of soap

Make a **[C]** pile of trunk tires and **[Am]** burn ‘em all down

Bring a **[F]** dollar with you baby, in the **[G]** cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

In the cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

Take a **[C]** weathervane rooster, throw **[Am]** rocks at his head

Stop **[C]** talkin’ to the neighbours until we **[Am]** all go dead

Be-**[C]**ware of my temper and the **[Am]** dog that I’ve found

**[F]** Break all the windows in the **[G]** cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am]**

In the cold, cold **[C]** ground **[C]**

In the cold, cold **[Am]** ground **[Am] / [C] ↓**

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