

Broken Glass

Background: Inspired by a fellow songwriter who played a song he wrote about a family member's alcoholism. Afterward he said singing that song felt like "walking on broken glass". I took that as meaning the song was great, when that's what it feels like to play. That line became the inspiration for this song. Thanks Jim B.

Prior to playing this for the first time live, coincidentally on the 25th anniversary of 9/11, I re-thought the lyrics and created a second version specific to the anniversary.

Written: Completed September 6, 2026. 2nd version created 9/10-19.

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	G	4/4	Standard	75	Acoustic Rock	3

Arrangement	1
Intro / Transition	Cadd9 Em7 A7sus Dadd9 DsusAdd9 AsusAdd9
Verse	G Dadd9 Em x2 Am7 C G D
Chorus	Em C D x2 Am7 C G D Em C D G
Bridge	Bm7 Em Am7 C G Dadd9 DsusAdd9 AsusAdd9

Chords Used in this Song

G	Dadd9	Em	Am7	C	D	Bm7
DsusAdd9	AsusAdd9	A7sus	Cadd9	Em7		

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Verse

G Dadd9 Em
Living on a razor's edge
G Dadd9 Em
Staring down a narrow ledge
Am7 C
Falling into this relapse
G
Some days feel like I'm
D
Walking on broken glass

Chorus

Em
Broken glass
C D
Walking on broken glass
Em
Broken glass
C D
Walking on broken glass
Am7 C
Desperation hides behind this mask
G D Em
I don't know if I'm up to this task
C
Some days feel like I'm
D G
Walking on broken glass

Verse

G Dadd9 Em
Burning fire beneath my feet
G Dadd9 Em
Hanging on to each heartbeat
Am7 C
Feeling it all collapse
G
Some days feel like I'm

D

Walking on broken glass

Chorus

Em

Broken glass

C

D

Walking on broken glass

Em

Broken glass

C

D

Walking on broken glass

Am7

C

Desperation hides behind this mask

G

D

Em

I don't know if I'm up to this task

C

Some days feel like I'm

D

G

Walking on broken glass

Guitar Solo

Bridge

Bm7

Every time

Em

I think it's passed

Am7

It's lying low

C

A snake in the grass

G

Sitting still

Dadd9 DsusAdd9 AsusAdd9

But strikes you fast

Em

Leaving you like you're...

Chorus

C **D**
Walking on broken glass

Em
Broken glass

C **D**
Walking on broken glass

Am7 **C**
Desperation hides behind this mask

G **D** **Em**
I don't know if I'm up to this task

C
Some days feel like I'm

D **G**
Walking on broken glass

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Verse

Living on a razor's edge
Staring down a narrow ledge
Falling into this relapse
Some days feel like I'm
Walking on broken glass

Chorus

Broken glass
Walking on broken glass
Broken glass
Walking on broken glass
Desperation hides behind this mask
I don't know if I'm up to this task
Some days feel like I'm
Walking on broken glass

Verse

Burning fire beneath my feet
Hanging on to each heartbeat
Feeling it all collapse
Some days feel like I'm
Walking on broken glass

Chorus

Broken glass
Walking on broken glass
Broken glass
Walking on broken glass
Desperation hides behind this mask
I don't know if I'm up to this task
Some days feel like I'm
Walking on broken glass

Guitar Solo

Bridge

Every time
I think it's passed

It's lying low
A snake in the grass
Sitting still
But strikes you fast
Leaving you like you're...

Chorus

Walking on broken glass
Broken glass
Walking on broken glass
Desperation hides behind this mask
I don't know if I'm up to this task
Some days feel like I'm
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Capo on 3 Intro/Transition: Cadd9 Em7 A7sus Dadd9 DsusAdd9 AsusAdd9 Verse: G Dadd9 Em x2 Am7 C G D	Chorus: Em C D x2 Am7 C G D Em C D G Bridge: Bm7 Em Am7 C G Dadd9 DsusAdd9 AsusAdd9
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(9/11 25th Anniversary Version)

Capo on 3 Intro/Transition: Cadd9 Em7 A7sus Dadd9 DsusAdd9 AsusAdd9 Verse: G Dadd9 Em x2 Am7 C G D	Chorus: Em C D x2 Am7 C G D Em C D G Bridge: Bm7 Em Am7 C G Dadd9 DsusAdd9 AsusAdd9
Verse Burning fire beneath their feet Hanging on to each heartbeat First a shudder then collapse Some days feel like we're Walking on broken glass Chorus Broken glass Walking on broken glass Broken glass Walking on broken glass Buried just beyond our grasp I don't know if I'm up to this task Some days feel like I'm Walking on broken glass Verse Crawling on a razor's edge Staring down a narrow ledge Desperation hides behind this mask Some days feel like I'm Walking on broken glass	Chorus Guitar Solo Bridge I can't believe it's been 25 years Since 3000 of our people died All those souls lost in a flash Leaving us all... Chorus Walking on broken glass Broken glass Walking on broken glass Staring off a Cliff into the black None of them are ever coming back Some days feel like I'm Walking on broken glass