

# Pitch Black

**Background:** On Valentine's Day 1978, we had a fire in our house. I was home sick from school. It was about 4:30 or so. My parents and my sister were the only ones home. We were forced to jump from a second-story window to a snow-covered picnic table. I was only 9.

**Written:** 2023

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	G	4/4	Standard	140	Rock and Roll	None

Arrangement	1
Intro	Em G D Cadd9
Verse A	G Am7 C G G Am7 C D
Verse B	Em G D Cadd9
Pre-chorus	Am C G D
Chorus	Em G D Cadd9 x2

## Chords Used in this Song

G	Am7	C	Em	D	Cadd9	Am

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## Verse A

**G**

In that old house

**Am7**

Home sick from school

**C**

Narrow hallways boxed you in

**G**

Ceilings hung low

**G**

Shadows cast their spell

**Am7**

Across the kitchen floor

**C**

I can still hear the creak

**D**

Of my bedroom door

## Verse B

**Em**

We heard the crash

The windows smash

**G**

The smoke Rose up the stairs

**D**

We tried to pass

Could not push past

**Cadd9**

The smoke Jack-ed up the air

## Pre-chorus

**Am**

The smoke was pitch black

**C**

Thick soot stained our lungs

**G**

The smell of drywall burning

Stomach turning

**D**

That taste stuck to your tongue

**Chorus**

**Em**

It was pitch black

No way out

**G**

Pitch black

No way down

**D**

Pitch black

Thick smoke clouds

Pitch black

**Cadd9**

It was pitch black

**Short Verse A, end on D**

**G**

Ran back to the bedroom

**Am7**

Phone off hook to 911

**C**

Trapped upstairs with no way out

**D**

I thought we were done

**No Verse B, straight to Pre-chorus**

**Pre-chorus**

**Am**

Screens torn from the windows

**C**

Picnic table down below

**G**

We slid down the wall

Landed with a fall

**D**

Slipping on the snow

**Chorus**

**Em**

It was pitch black

Smoke climbed the walls

**G**

Pitch black

Trapped in the hall

**D**

Pitch black

The smoke like a pall

Pitch black

**Cadd9**

It was pitch black

**Verse A**

**G**

The neighbors spoke no English

**Am7**

Took us in from the cold

**C**

Gave us blankets to warm up

**G**

Gave us their shoes and clothes

**G**

We thought our dog was dead

**Am7**

'til two teens brought her out alive

**C**

Sirens off in the distance

**D**

Took forever to arrive

**Pre-chorus**

**Am**

To this day I can't forget

**C**

That thick sooty smell

**G**

Hits at the strangest times

A downhill climb

**D**

Deep where memories dwell

**Chorus**

**Em**

It was pitch black

The soot stained our lungs

**G**

Pitch black

Its taste on our tongues

**D**

Pitch black

Our eyes stung

It was pitch black

**Cadd9**

It was pitch black

**Em**

Pitch black

No way down

**G**

Pitch black

Thick smoke cloud

**D**

Pitch black

**Cadd9**

It was pitch black

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## Verse A

In that old house  
Home sick from school  
Narrow hallways boxed you in  
Ceilings hung low  
Shadows cast their spell  
Across the kitchen floor  
I can still hear the creak  
Of my bedroom door

## Verse B

We heard the crash  
The windows smash  
The smoke Rose up the stairs  
We tried to pass  
Could not push past  
The smoke Jack-ed up the air

## Pre-chorus

The smoke was pitch black  
Thick soot stained our lungs  
The smell of drywall burning  
Stomach turning  
That taste stuck to your tongue

## Chorus

It was pitch black  
No way out  
Pitch black  
No way down  
Pitch black  
Thick smoke clouds  
Pitch black  
It was pitch black

**Verse A**

Ran back to the bedroom  
Phone off hook to 911  
Trapped upstairs with no way out  
I thought we were done

**Pre-chorus**

Screens torn from the windows  
Picnic table down below  
We slid down the wall  
Landed with a fall  
Slipping on the snow

**Chorus**

It was pitch black  
Smoke climbed the walls  
Pitch black  
Trapped in the hall  
Pitch black  
The smoke like a pall  
Pitch black  
It was pitch black

**Verse A**

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Gave us blankets to warm up  
Gave us their shoes and clothes  
We thought our dog was dead  
'til two teens brought her out alive  
Sirens off in the distance  
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**Pre-chorus**

To this day I can't forget  
That thick sooty smell  
Hits at the strangest times  
A downhill climb  
Deep where memories dwell

## **Chorus**

It was pitch black  
The soot stained our lungs  
Pitch black  
Its taste on our tongues  
Pitch black  
Our eyes stung  
Pitch black  
It was pitch black  
It was pitch black  
No way out  
Pitch black  
No way down  
Pitch black  
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<p><b>Verse A:</b> G Am7 C G G Am7 C D</p>	<p><b>Verse B:</b> Em G D Cadd9 <b>Pre-chorus:</b> Am C G D</p>	<p><b>Chorus:</b> Em G D Cadd9 x2</p>
<p><b>Verse A</b> In that old house Home sick from school Narrow hallways boxed you in Ceilings hung low Shadows cast their spell Across the kitchen floor I can still hear the creak Of my bedroom door</p> <p><b>Verse B</b> We heard the crash The windows smash The smoke Rose up the stairs We tried to pass Could not push past The smoke Jack-ed up the air</p> <p><b>Pre-chorus</b> The smoke was pitch black Thick soot stained our lungs The smell of drywall burning Stomach turning That taste stuck to your tongue</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> It was pitch black No way out Pitch black No way down Pitch black Thick smoke clouds Pitch black It was pitch black</p>	<p><b>Short Verse A, end on D</b> Ran back to the bedroom Phone off hook to 911 Trapped upstairs with no way out I thought we were done</p> <p><b>No Verse B, straight to Pre-chorus</b></p> <p><b>Pre-chorus</b> Screens torn from the windows Picnic table down below We slid down the wall Landed with a fall Slipping on the snow</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> It was pitch black Smoke climbed the walls Pitch black Trapped in the hall Pitch black The smoke like a pall Pitch black It was pitch black</p> <p><b>Verse A</b> The neighbors spoke no English Took us in from the cold Gave us blankets to warm up Gave us their shoes and clothes We thought our dog was dead 'til two teens brought her out alive Sirens off in the distance Took forever to arrive</p>	<p><b>Pre-chorus</b> To this day I can't forget That thick sooty smell Hits at the strangest times A downhill climb Deep where memories dwell</p> <p><b>Chorus</b> It was pitch black The soot stained our lungs Pitch black Its taste on our tongues Pitch black Our eyes stung Pitch black It was pitch black It was pitch black No way out Pitch black No way down Pitch black Thick smoke cloud Pitch black It was pitch black</p>