

Cracks in the Sidewalk

Background: We tend to look at the past with rose colored glasses, softening if not filtering out the bad things. They remain with you but more in your subconscious. As a child you overlook some of the bad things. The world around you is all you know and you think it must be the same for everyone. This song is about a guy who goes back to his old hometown and finds it deteriorating. It might indeed be deteriorating, but was probably never as great as he remembers. This is not an autobiography of course. My hometown actually looks better now than it did when I was young. But many don't. And maybe that's the point. **Written:** 2024

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	E	4/4	Standard	140	Folk / Rock	2

Arrangement	1
Intro	C#m7 Asus2 Bsus x2
Verse	E Asus2 Dsus2 Bsus
Chorus	C G Dsus2/D Asus2
Bridge	C#m7 C#m11 Bsus Asus2
Ending	C#m7 Asus2 Bsus x4

Chords Used in this Song

E	D	Dsus2	Bsus	Asus2	C	G

C#m7	C#m11

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Verse

E

This sidewalk is full of cracks

Asus2

My hometown has gone to hell

Dsus2

Broken like mamma's back

Bsus

It's just a shell of itself

E

I used to play ball over there

Asus2

Now that court's full of broken glass

Dsus2

Nets ripped off, rims bent, rusted

Bsus

Syringes lay in the grass

E

We played football on that field

Asus2

Baseball in that old lot too

Dsus2

Now they're all just ghost towns

Bsus

Except for the homeless few

Chorus

C

Cracks in the sidewalk

Windows blown out

G

Stores boarded up

Trash blows about

Dsus2

Asus2

My hometown don't look the same anymore

C

Cracks in the sidewalk

Good times are all gone

G

Everyone I knew

Has long since moved on

Dsus2

Cracks like scars

Asus2

Over memories hanging on

Verse

E

My old high school is abandoned

Asus2

They shut it down long ago

Dsus2

Couldn't get no one to teach there

Bsus

Even the cops were afraid to go

E

Just a skeleton of itself

Asus2

Half the letters fallen off the wall

Dsus2

Bullet holes scar the windows

Bsus

And still echo down empty halls

Chorus

C

Cracks in the sidewalk

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Trash blows about

Dsus2

Asus2

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Asus2

Over memories hanging on

Bridge

C#m7

A stray dog barks 'neath the overpass

C#m11

Searching for food in the park

Bsus

Even he's got nowhere better to be

Asus2

Another soul lost in the dark

C#m7

Sirens pierce the silence

C#m11

Something must be going down

Bsus

So fierce is the violence

Asus2

Here in my old hometown

Verse

E

They don't bother to fix anything

Asus2

Nothing new will stay new long

Dsus2

Ain't no one new comin' round here anyway

Bsus

No one feels like they belong

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E

Into my car I make my getaway

Asus2

That's the last time I'll be going back

Dsus2

There's nothing left for me there

Bsus

Except sidewalks full of cracks

Chorus

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G

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Asus2

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We played football on that field
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Except for the homeless few

Chorus

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Stores boarded up
Trash blows about
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Good times are all gone
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Verse

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Bridge

A stray dog barks 'neath the overpass
Searching for food in the park
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Another soul lost in the dark
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So fierce is the violence
Here in my old hometown

Verse

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Nothing new will stay new long
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No one feels like they belong

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Chorus

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<p>Capo on 2 Verse: E Asus2 Dsus2 Bsus</p>	<p>Chorus: C G Dsus2/D Asus2 Bridge: C#m7 C#m11 Bsus Asus2</p>
<p>Verse This sidewalk is full of cracks My hometown has gone to hell Broken like mamma's back It's just a shell of itself</p> <p>I used to play ball over there Now that court's full of broken glass Nets ripped off, rims bent, rusted Syringes lay in the grass</p> <p>We played football on that field Baseball in that old lot too Now they're all just ghost towns Except for the homeless few</p>	<p>Verse My old high school is abandoned They shut it down long ago Couldn't get no one to teach there Even the cops were afraid to go</p> <p>Just a skeleton of itself Half the letters fallen off the wall Bullet holes scar the windows And still echo down empty halls</p>
<p>Chorus Cracks in the sidewalk Windows blown out Stores boarded up Trash blows about My hometown don't look the same anymore Cracks in the sidewalk Good times are all gone Everyone I knew Has long since moved on Cracks like scars Over memories hanging on</p>	<p>Chorus</p> <p>Bridge A stray dog barks 'neath the overpass Searching for food in the park Even he's got nowhere better to be Another soul lost in the dark Sirens pierce the silence Something must be going down So fierce is the violence Here in my old hometown</p>
	<p>Verse They don't bother to fix anything Nothing new will stay new long Ain't no one new comin' round here anyway No one feels like they belong</p> <p>Into my car I make my getaway That's the last time I'll be going back There's nothing left for me there Except sidewalks full of cracks</p> <p>Chorus</p>