

# The Kinks - Alcohol

Tom: C

Note: Don't let the 9th and 11th chords put you off. They simply describe the lagging, lazy melody. The melodic pattern descends beautifully as one does into a stupor.

Melody: E A E G F F  
 Words: Oh demon alcohol..  
 Chords: Am Dm Dm

The melody G on 'Alc' is the dominant 7th of Am but the 11th of the next chord, Dm.

I transcribed it on a piano, where the bass notes alternate sometimes from the 5th to the 1st, at other times from the 1st-5th. I briefly checked it on a guitar, which I can't play but it sounded fine. However, I am not sure about a couple of parts:

Does it really modulate to A major for a few bars?  
 Is the Am on 'the floosie made...' right?  
 If anyone has a different view of the chorus changes, I'd like to hear them.

Enjoy that meditarraean/ Kurt Weillian thang!!

yours, Ian

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Alcohol

[Intro 16 bars 16 bars (with trumpet)]

Am E Am E...Am E Am E7 etc...

Am  
 Here is a story about a sinner,

He used to be a winner who enjoyed a life of prominence and  
 E  
 position,

But the pressures at the office and his socialite engagements,

Am  
 And his selfish wife's fanatical ambition,

A  
 It turned him to the booze,

And he got mixed up with a floosie

Dm  
 And she led him to a life of indecision.

Am  
 The floosie made him spend his dole

She left him lying on Skid Row

Am E7 E7 Am E7 Am  
 A drunken lag in some Salvation Army Mission.

E7 (an introductory arpeggio)  
 It's such a shame.

Am Dm Dm  
 Oh demon alcohol,  
 Dm E7 E7  
 Sad memories I cannot recall,  
 Am Dm Dm  
 Who thought I would say,  
 E7 Am Am  
 Damn it all, blow it all,

Am Dm Dm  
 Oh demon alcohol,  
 Dm E7 E7  
 Memories I can't recall,  
 Am Dm E7 Am E7 Am  
 Who thought I would fall a slave to demon alcohol.

[Repeat Instrumental on line 1, Vocals on 2 and 3 as below]

Dm E7 E7  
 Sad memories I can't recall,

Am Dm E7 Am E7 Am  
 Who thought I would fall a slave to demon alcohol.

[16 Bars as intro]

Am  
 Barley wine pink gin,  
 He'll drink anything,

E  
 Port, pernod or tequila,  
 Rum, scotch, vodka on the rocks,

Am  
 As long as all his troubles disappeared.

A  
 But he messed up his life when he beat up his wife,

Dm  
 And the floosie's gone and found another sucker

Am  
 She's gonna turn him on to drink  
 She's gonna lead him to the brink  
 And when his money's gone,  
 E7 E7 Am  
 She'll leave him in the gutter,

E7 (ascending roll)  
 It's such a shame.

Am Dm  
 Oh demon alcohol,  
 Dm E7  
 Sad memories I cannot recall,  
 Am Dm  
 Who thought I would fall,  
 E7 Am Am  
 Damn it all, blow it all.

[Instrumental on and the 1st line of Vocals on Lines 2 and 3, as below]

Dm E7 E7  
 Sad memories I cannot recall,

Am Dm E7 Am E7 Am  
 Who thought I would fall a slave to demon alcohol.

[A 4 count before the melodic piano outro on the changes of ]

## Acordes



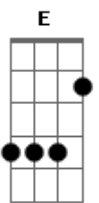
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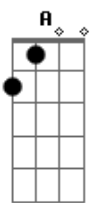
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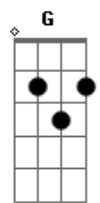
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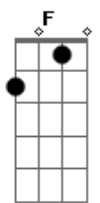
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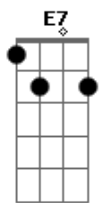
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