## The Boy With The Arab Strap Belle & Sebastian

CHORDS USED IN THIS SONG G C D Gsus4 D7

(for intro hammer on Gsus4 every fourth beat)

## [G]//// [G]//// [G]////

[G] A mile and a half on a bus takes a long time
[G] The odour of old prison food takes a long time to
[C] pass you by [C]///
[G] Day upon day of this wandering gets you down
[G] Nobody gives you a chance or a dollar in
[C] this old town [C]///
[G] Hovering silence from you is a giveaway

[G]Squalor and smoke's not your style, "I don't like this place"

[C]We better go [C]////

[G]Then I compare notes with your older sister

[G]I am a lazy gett, she is as pure as the

[C] cold driven snow [C]////

[D]//[D7]//[G]////

[G] What did you learn from your time in the solitary cell of your mind?
[G]There was noises, distractions from
[C]anything good [C]And the old prison food
[G]Colour my life with the chaos of trouble
[G]Cause anything's better than posh isolation
[C] I missed the bus, you were laid on your back
With the boy from the arab [D]strap [D]//[D7]//
With the boy from the arab [G]strap [G]///

(whistle tune over this verse) [G][G][G][G] [C][C][C][C] [G][G][G][G] [C][C][C][C] [D][D][C][C] [C][C][C][C] [G][G][G][G][G]



[G]It's something to speak of the way you are feeling
[G]To crowds there assembled do you ever feel you have
[C]gone too far? [C]////
[G]Everyone suffers in silence a burden
[G]The man who drives minicabs down in Old Compton
The [C]Asian man, with his love hate affair with his racist clientele[D]//[D7]//

[G]A central location for you is a must as you stagger about making free with your lewd and
[C]lascivious boasts [C]///
[G]We know you are soft 'cause we've all seen you dancing
[G]We know you are hard 'cause we all seen you drinking
from [C]noon until noon again [C]///
You're the boy with the filthy [D]laugh [D]//[D7]//
You're the boy with the arab [G]strap

[G][G][G][G] [C][C][C][C] [G][G][G][G] [C][C][C][C]

[G\*]Strapped to the table with suits from the shelter shop
[G\*]Comic celebrity takes a back seat as the [C\*]cigarette catches
And sets off the smoke alarm
[G\*]What do you make of the cool set in London?
[G\*]Constantly updating your hit parade of your [C\*]ten biggest wanks
She's a waitress and she's got [D\*]style
Sunday bathtime could take a [G\*]while

