

## On The Nickel – Tom Waits

Strumming Pattern: D, D, DU

This one is VERY TRICKY and VERY hard to sing.

Chords Used (all barre chords, but they repeat)

Diagram showing six guitar chord shapes with fingerings and names:

- B**: F# B F# B Eb F#
- Gb / F#**: F# C# F# Bb C# F#
- (X) Ebm**: A# F A# D# F# A#
- Abm**: Ab Eb Ab B Eb Ab
- (X) C#**: G# C# G# C# F G#
- Ab**: Ab Eb Ab C Eb Ab

Intro: B - F# - B - F# | B - F# - Ebm - Abm - C# - F#

Verse 1:

B F#  
Stick and stones may break my bones,  
B F#  
but I always will be true,  
B F# Ebm  
And when your mama is dead and gone,  
Abm C#  
I'll sing this lullaby just for you.  
B F#  
And what becomes of all the little boys,  
B F#  
who never comb their hair?  
B Ab F# Ebm  
Well they're lined up all around the block  
Abm C# F#  
On the Nickel over there.

Verse 2:

B F#  
So you better bring a bucket,  
B F#  
There is a hole in the pail,

B F#  
 And if you don't get my letter,  
 Ebm Abm C#  
 Then you'll know that I'm in jail.  
 B F#  
 And what becomes of all the little boys,  
 B F#  
 Who never say their prayers?  
 B Ab F# Ebm  
 Well they're sleepin' like a baby,  
 Abm C# F#  
 On the Nickel over there.

Verse 3:

B F#  
 And if you chew tobacco,  
 B F#  
 And wish upon a star,  
 B F# Ebm  
 Well you'll find out where the scarecrows sit,  
 Abm C#  
 Just like punchlines between the cars,  
 B F#  
 And I know a place where a royal flush,  
 B F#  
 Can never beat a pair,  
 B Ab F# Ebm  
 And even Thomas Jefferson,  
 Abm C# F#  
 Is on the Nickel over there.

Verse 4:

B F#  
 So ring around the rosie,  
 B F#  
 You're sleepin' in the rain,  
 B F#  
 And you're always late for supper,  
 Ebm Abm C#  
 And man... you let me down, let me down again.  
 B F#  
 I thought I heard a mockingbird,  
 B F#  
 Roosevelt knows where...  
 B Ab F# Ebm  
 You can skip the light with Grady Tuck,  
 Abm C# F#  
 On the Nickel over there.

Verse 5:

B F#  
 So what becomes of all the little boys,  
 B F#  
 Who run away from home?  
 B F#  
 Well the world just keeps gettin' bigger,  
 Ebm Abm C#  
 Once ..... you get out ..... on your own.  
 B F#  
 So here's to all the little boys,

B F#  
The sandman takes you where...  
B Ab F# Ebm  
You're sleepin' with the pillow of man,  
Abm C# F#  
On the Nickel over there.

Verse 6:

B F#  
So climb up through that button hole,  
B F#  
And fall right up the stairs,  
B F# Ebm  
I'll show you where the short dogs grow,  
Abm C# F#  
On the Nickel...over there.