

THE WAY THAT IT GOES by GILLIAN WELCH & DAVID RAWLINGS

VERSE 1: **Em**
Becky Johnson bought the farm, put a needle in her arm
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way
And her brother laid her down, in the cold Kentucky ground
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way

CHORUS: **G** **Em**
That's the way that it goes
C **G** **D**
Everybody's buying little baby clothes
G **Em**
That's the way that it ends
C **B7** **Em**
Though there was a time when she and I were friends

VERSE 2: **Em**
Well, Miranda ran away, took her cat and left LA
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way
She was busted, broke and flat, had to sell that pussy cat
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way

CHORUS

VERSE 3: **Em**
See the brightest ones of all, early in October fall
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way
While the dark ones go to bed, with good whiskey in their head
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way

VERSE 4: **Em**
Now Billy Joe's back in the tank, you tell Russo, I'll tell Frank
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way
Did he throw her down a well? Did she leave him for that swell?
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way

CHORUS

VERSE 5: **Em**
When you lay me down to rest, leave a pistol in my vest
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way
Do you miss my gentle touch? Did I hurt you very much?
B7 **Em**
That's the way that it goes, that's the way

CHORUS