

## THE WAY THAT IT GOES by GILLIAN WELCH & DAVID RAWLINGS

**Em**

**VERSE 1:** 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

**Em**

**VERSE 2:** 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**

**Em**

**VERSE 3:** 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

**Em**

**VERSE 4:** 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**

**Em**

**VERSE 5:** 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**