

9 Chords: C, F, Am, A7, G7, D, Dm, A, Em7

Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs

<https://youtu.be/kmopSVOMSsU> Brian and Michael 1978

Intro: C 2 3 4 | F 2 3 4 | G7 2 3 4 | C 2 3 4 beats to bar

He [C] painted Salford's smokey tops
On [Am] cardboard boxes from the shops
And [A] parts of Ancoats [A7] where I used to [Dm] play. 2 3 4 | 1 2 3
I'm [F] sure he once walked down our street
for he [C] painted kids with nowt on their feet
The [G7] clothes we wore had all seen better [C] days. 2 3 4 | 1 2 3

Now they said his works of art were dull,
no [Am] room all round the walls are full,
But [A] Lowry didn't [A7] care much any-[Dm]-way, 2 3 4 | 1 2 3
They [F] said he just paints cats and dogs
and [C] matchstalk men in boots and clogs
And [G7] Lowry said that's just the way they'll [C] stay. 2 3 4

[G7¹] And he painted [C] matchstalk men and matchstalk
cats and [F] dogs,
He painted [G7] kids on the corner of the street who were
sparking [C] clogs. 2 3 4
[G7²] Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits out-[F]-side them factory
gates
To paint his [G7] matchstalk men and matchstalk
cats and [C] dogs. 2 3 4 | 1 2 3

Now canvas and brushes were wearing thin
when [Am] London started calling him
To [A] come on down and [A7] wear the old flat [Dm] cap. 2 3 4 | 1 2 3
They said [F] tell us all about your ways and all a-[C]-bout those Salford
days
Is it [G7] true you're just an ordinary [C] chap? 2 3 4

[G7₁] And he painted [C] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [F] dogs,
 He painted [G7] kids on the corner of the street who were sparking [C] clogs. 2 3 4

[G7₂] Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits out-[F]-side them factory gates
 To paint his [G7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [C] dogs. 2 3 4 | 1 2 3

Now [C] Lowrys hang upon the wall be-[Am]-side the greatest of them all
 And [A7] even the Mona Lisa takes a [Dm] bow. 2 3 4 | 1 2 3
 This [F] tired old man with hair like snow told [C] northern folk it's time to go,
 The [G7] fever came and the good Lord mopped his [C] brow. 2 3 4

[G7₁] And he left us [C] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [F] dogs,
 He left us [G7] kids on the corner of the street who were sparking [C] clogs. 2 3 4

[G7₂] Now he [C] takes his brush and he waits out-[F]-side them pearly gates
 To paint his [G7] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [F] dogs 2 3 4 (Key chanG7e follows)

[C₁] And he left us [D] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [Em7] dogs,
 He left us [A] kids on the corner of the street who were sparking [D] clogs. 2 3 4

[A₂] Now he [D] takes his brush and he waits out-[Em7]-side them pearly gates
 To paint his [A] matchstalk men and matchstalk cats and [D] dogs 2 3 4 | 1

