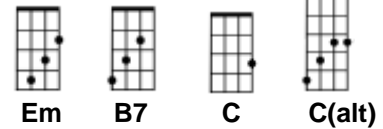


The Way It Goes - Gillian Welch  
(The Harrow and the Harvest - 2011)



**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

**Em**

And her brother laid her down, In the cold Kentucky ground

**B7**

**Em**

That's the way that it goes, That's the way

**G**

**Em**

**C**

**G**

**D**

*That's the way that it goes, 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**

Well, Miranda ran away, Took her cat and left LA

**B7**

**Em**

That's the way that it goes, That's the way

**Em**

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

**G**

**Em**

**C**

**G**

**D**

*That's the way that it goes, Everybody's buying little baby clothes*

**G**

**Em**

*That's the way that it ends*

**C**

**B7**

**Em**

*Though there was a time when he and I were friends*

**Em**

See the brightest ones of all, Early in October fall

**B7**

**Em**

That's the way that it goes, That's the way

**Em**

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

## Instrumental (chorus)

**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

**Em**

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

**G**

**Em**

**C**

**G**

**D**

*That's the way that it goes, Everybody's buying little baby clothes*

**G**

**Em**

*That's the way that it ends*

**C**

**B7**

**Em**

*Though there was a time when all of us were friends*

**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

**Em**

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

**G**

**Em**

**C**

**G**

**D**

*That's the way that it goes, Everybody's buying little baby clothes*

**G**

**Em**

*That's the way that it ends*

**C**

**B7**

**Em**

*Though there was a time when you and I were friends*

