

Barenaked Ladies – What a Good Boy

Verse A (4/4)

E							
B							
G	G	D	C	C	G	D	C
D							D
A							
E							

Mini-Bridge (after “Be with me tonight”) (2/4)

E							
B							
G	G	D	C	C	G	D	C
D							D
A							
E							

When I was born, they looked at me and said
“What a good boy, what a smart boy, what a strong boy”
And when you were born, they looked at you and said
“What a good girl, what a smart girl, what a pretty girl.”

We’ve got these chains, hangin’ round our necks
People want to strangle us with 'em, before we take our first breath
Afraid of change, afraid of stayin' the same
When temptation calls, we just look away.

Chorus

This name is the hairshirt I wear
And this hairshirt is woven from your brown hair
This song is the cross that I bear
Bear with me, bear with me, bear with me, be with me tonight
I know that it isn't right. Be with me tonight.

I go to school, I write exams
If I pass, if I fail, if I drop out does anyone give a damn?
And if they do, they'll soon forget
'Cause it won't take much for me to show my life ain't over yet
I wake up scared, I wake up strange
And I wake up wondering if anything in my life is ever gonna change.
I wake up scared, I wake up (**E-**) strange
And (**C**) everything around me stays the same

Chorus - It's the hairshirt I wear

And this hairshirt is woven from, is woven from your brown hair...

I couldn't tell you, I was wrong
Chickened out, grabbed a pen and paper, sat down and I wrote this song
I couldn't tell you, that you were right
So instead I looked in the mirror, I watched TV, laid awake all night
And we've got these chains, hangin' round our necks
People want to strangle us with 'em, before we take our first breath
Afraid of change, afraid of sayin' the same
When temptation calls, Yea, hey

Chorus -this name is the hairshirt I wear

And this hairshirt is woven from, is woven from, is woven from hair...

(No mini-bridge)

Repeat first four lines (plus “hey yeah”) (with G, D, E, C, G)