

Bottles and Cans

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Intro

Am C D
Opened one eye on my buddy's kitchen floor;

Am C D
To my knee, it's a hung over chore.

C G C G
I saw a sea of bottles, an ocean of cans;

C G D
Strewn on every counter, sink, and table.

C G C G D
Just then I remember what my wife told me last night,
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She said, "There's the door."

Bridge

G
"See me in church on Sunday";
C

"I'll bring the baby."

G Am C D
"And you'd better be ready for that one-man parade."
G C

"Up the center aisle singing 'Just as I Am'";
G Am D G

"So is it going to be me or them damn bottles and cans?"
C D

"Give it to the Lord or go away."

Am D C G
She's right, the Lord is what I need.

G
No more half-a-way;
C

No more half-a-man.

G Em C D
I'm talkin' straight to you Lord, just man to man.

Refrain

Am D Am D
You can have my heart, just as I am;
Am C G
And you can keep those bottles and cans.

Middle Part

G C G C G
Where does the love of God go when the heart's still at war?

G Am G D
Where does the love of God go, do you know?

C G Am G
So many stories to tell that will never be told:

Am D
Stories of the bravest and the best;

Am D
Of soldiers that stood the final test;

Am D
Stories more precious than gold;

Am *D*
(In battle, their breath is on my shoulder);
Am *D*
Of warm blood growing cold;
Am *C* *G*
And young men who will never grow old.

Refrain

Am *D*
Lord, you can have my past,
Am *D*
Just as I am;
Am *C* *G*
And you can keep those bottles and cans.

Instrumental

Bridge
G

I'll see you in church on Sunday;
C
You bring the baby;
G *Am* *C* *D*

And yes, I am ready for that one-man parade.
G *C*

Up the center aisle singing "Just as I Am."
G *C* *D* *G*

It is going to be you babe, not those bottles and cans.

Am *D*
I gave it to the Lord and so I'll stay;
Am *D*
I gave to the Lord and now I'll say.

Refrain

Am *D*
Lord, you can have my heart;
Am *D*
Everything I am,
Am *D*
You can have my past,
Am *D*
Just as I am.
Am *C* *G*
And you can keep those bottles and cans.

Outro

G *C*
Just as I am, half a man
C *G* *C*
Just as I am, half a man
C *D* *G*
And you can keep those bottles and cans.

