

Nothing Ever Happens

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12/8 (think 3/4 time)

Capo 5th fret. (Key of F)

[Intro] **C Cadd2 C Cadd2 C Cadd2 C**

[Verse 1]

C **Am7**
Post office clerks put up signs saying 'Position Closed'

C **Am7**
And secretaries turn off typewriters and put on their coats

F **C** **G** **F**
And janitors padlock the gates for security guards to patrol

F **C** **G** **F**
And bachelors phone up their friends for a drink, While the married ones turn on a chat show
C **F** **C**

And they'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow

[Verse 2]

C **Am7**
'Gentlemen, time please, you know we can't serve any more'

C **Am7**
Now the traffic lights change to stop when there's nothing to go

F **C** **G** **F**
And by five o' clock everything's dead, And every third car is a cab,

F **C** **G** **F** **G**
And ignorant people sleep in their beds, Like the doped white mice in the college lab

[Chorus]

C **F** **C** **F** **Am** **F**
And nothing ever happens, nothing happens at all: The needle returns to the start of the song
G **F** **C** **F** **C**
And we all sing along like before, And we'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow

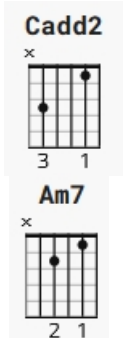
[Verse 3]

C **G** **Am7**
Telephone exchanges click while there's nobody there

C **Am7**
The Martians could land in the car park and no one would care

F **C** **G** **F**
The close-circuit cameras in department stores, Shoot the same movie every day

F **C** **G** **F** **G**
And the stars of these films neither die nor get killed, Just survive constant action replay



[Chorus]

C F C F Am F

And nothing ever happens, nothing happens at all: The needle returns to the start of the song

G F C F C

And we all sing along like before, And we'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow

[Bridge]

| **D** x 4 bars| **Am7** x 4| **D** x 4| **Am7** x 4| **C** x 2| **D** x 2| **C** x 2| **D** x 4|

[Verse 4]

C Am7

And bill hoardings advertise products that nobody needs

C Am7

While 'Angry from Manchester' writes to complain about all the repeats on TV;

F C

And computer terminals report

G F

Some gains in the values of copper and tin,

F C

While American businessmen snap up Van Goghs

G F G

For the price of a hospital wing

[Final Chorus]

[Chorus]

C F C F Am F

And nothing ever happens, nothing happens at all: The needle returns to the start of the song

G F

And we all sing along like before,

C F C F Am F

And nothing ever happens, nothing happens at all: They'll burn down the synagogues at six o'clock

G F C F C.... 2 bars

And we'll all go along like before: And we'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow