

(John Mann and Geoffrey Kelly)

*The count-in is 123,22... it starts at a slow beat*

**Am/ G/ C/ F/**  
 You'll have to excuse me, I'm not at my best  
**C/ G/ F/ C/**  
 I've been gone for a month, I've been drunk since I left  
**Am/ G/ C/ F/**  
 These so-called vacations will soon be my death  
**C/ G/ F/ C/**  
 I'm so sick from the drink, I need home for a rest

**Am G C F**  
*(faster)* We arrived in December and London was cold  
**C G F C**  
 So we stayed in the bars along Charing Cross road  
**Am G C F**  
 We never saw nothing but brass taps and oak  
**C G F G**  
 Kept the shine on the bar with the sleeves of our coat

**CHORUS #1**

**G/ C/ G/**  
 You'll have to excuse me, I'm not at my best  
**C F G**  
 I've been gone for a week, I've been drunk since I left  
**G/ C/ G/**  
 These so-called vacations will soon be my death  
**C F G C**  
 I'm so sick from the drink I need home for a rest, take me  
**Am/// G C F**  
 Home! // // // //  
**Am G C F**  
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**Am G C F**  
 Euston Station the train journey north  
**C G F C**  
 In the buffet car we lurched back and forth  
**Am G C F**  
 Past old crooked dykes, through Yorkshire's green fields  
**C G F G**  
 We were flung into dance as the train jiggled and reeled

**REPEAT CHORUS #1**

**Am G C F**  
By the light of the moon, she'd drift through the street  
**C G F C**  
A rare old perfume, so seductive and sweet  
**Am G C F**  
She'd tease us and flirt as the pubs all closed down  
**C G F G**  
Then walk us on home and deny us a round

**CHORUS #2**

**G/ C/ G/**  
You'll have to excuse me, I'm not at my best  
**C F G**  
I've been gone for a month, I've been drunk since I left  
**G/ C/ G/**  
These so-called vacations will soon be my death  
**C F G C**  
I'm so sick from the drink I need home for a rest, take me  
**Am//// G C F**  
Home! //// //// ////  
**Am G C F (Am/)**  
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**Am G C F**  
The gas heater's empty, it's damp as a tomb  
**C G F C**  
And the spirits we drank like a ghost in the room  
**Am G C F**  
I'm knackered again, come on please take me soon  
**C G F G**  
And don't lift up my head till the twelve bells at noon

**REPEAT CHORUS #2**