

# Love Is a Cruel Affliction

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Video at <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLZWh2xKMo4>> (starts at 7:43)

Time 3/8 — Key B — Capo IV

INTRO: G Dsus/F# Cma9 G G Dsus/F# Cma9  
G Dsus/F# Cma9 G G Dsus/F# Cma9  
Dsus/F# Cma9 G Dsus/F# Cma9  
G Dsus/F# Cma9 G Dsus/F# Cma9

1. G Dsus/F# Cma9 G  
Love is a cruel affliction  
  
G Dsus/F# Cma9  
It takes us when we nod.  
  
G Dsus/F# Cma9 G  
It holds a man and spins him  
  
G Dsus/F# Cma9  
And spurs the poor young clod.  
  
Dsus/F# Cma9 G  
It leads him up the mountain  
  
Dsus/F# Cma9 G Dsus/F# Cma9 G  
Then casts him off the ledge too sick to care,  
  
G Dsus/F# Cma9 G  
Takes pleasure in the bruises  
  
G Dsus/F# Cma9  
And in the bones laid bare.
  2. My Sarah swore she loved me  
As I held her in the rain  
So I went to seek my fortune  
Her father's nod to gain.  
And now I'm in the chapel  
And now the preacher's asking for the ring;  
But she's marrying John Simpson  
What dark the day does bring!
  3. I tread a lonely path through  
The shadows of the night  
And there they stand before me  
A hale and handsome sight.  
For him I hold no hate  
And I would not hurt a hair upon his head;  
But I'll never forget the lady  
That I was to wed.
- BRIDGE: Repeat INTRO
4. Now lovers court each other  
And swear that they'll be true.  
Journey through the world  
Finding joy in all they do.  
But the Sea of Love is shallow  
And many a sturdy ship has run aground;  
The hulls rot on the sea-bed,  
The bones are never found.