

# This is the Life (Am)

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[intro - chucking]

**Am F C Em** (Stays this progression through whole song)

Oh, the **(Am)** wind whistles down, The **(F)** cold dark street tonight  
And the **(C)** people they were dancing **(Em)** to the music vibe  
And the **(Am)** boys chase the girls with the curls in their hair  
While the **(F)** shy tormented youth sit way over there  
And the **(C)** songs they get louder, Each one better than **(Em)** before **[pause]**

[Chorus]

And you're singing the **(Am)** songs, thinking this is the life  
And you wake up in the **(F)** morning and your head feels twice the size  
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[instrumental: riff1]

**Am F C Em [single strums, fiddle providing rhythm]**

[verse]

So you're **(Am)** heading down the road in your taxi for four  
And you're **(F)** waiting outside Jimmy's front door  
But **(C)** nobody's in and nobody's home 'til **(Em)** four

[verse: riff2]

So you're **(Am)** sitting there with nothing to do  
Talking **(F)** about Robert Riger and his motley crew  
And **(C)** where you're gonna go and where you're gonna sleep **(Em)** tonight

## Chorus

[instrumental: uke + fiddle]

**Am F C Em [w/riff1]**

**Am F C Em [riff1 + riff3]**

**Chorus** [quiet and Shuffle strum (with Riff #2 & Fiddle)]

**Chorus** [verse 1 counterpoint singing, w/ Riff 2 & Fiddle]

**Chorus** [verse 2 counterpoint singing, w/ Riff 2, Riff 1 & Fiddle]

[outro: strumming + fiddle]

**Am F C Em Am**

# This is the Life (Am) – Tabs and Technicals

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Original key: C#, BPM: 190

## [riff1]

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A | -0--2--3--0-- | -0-2--3--0-0-0- | -0--2--3--0-- | -0-2--3--3-3-3- | -  
E | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -  
C | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -  
G | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -
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A | -3--5--7--3-- | -3-5--7--5--3- | -2--  
E | ----- | ----- | ----  
C | ----- | ----- | ----  
G | ----- | ----- | ----
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## [riff2]

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A | ---7-7--5-5-5-- | -3-3-3--2-2-2-- |  
E | ----- | ----- |  
C | -4----- | ----- |  
G | ----- | ----- |
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## [riff3] x2

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A | ----- | ----- |  
E | -----5-----3----- | ----- |  
C | ----- | -4-----0----- |  
G | ----- | ----- |
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