

Rotterdam

Version 3

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key: C, artist: The Beautiful South, year: 1996

Strum:

Highlight = 2 Beats

Highlight = 1 Beat

Intro:

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[C] [F] [C] [F] x2 (i.e. 'that riff' for first two lines)

And the **[C]** women tug their **[F]** hair
Like they're **[C]** trying to prove it **[F]** won't fall **[C]** out **[F] [C] [F]**
And **[C]** all the men are gar-**[F]**-goyles
[C] Dipped long in **[F]** Irish **[C]** stout **[F] [C] [F]**

The **[G]** whole place is pickled
The **[G]** people are pickles for **[Am]** sure and
[G] No-one knows if they've done more here
Than they **[C]** ever would do in a **[Em7]** jar **[E7]** (straight into chorus)

Chorus:

This could be **[Am]** Rotterdam or **[C]** anywhere, **[Am]** Liverpool or **[C]**
Rome,
'Cause **[Am]** Rotterdam is **[C]** anywhere, **[D7]** anywhere **[G7]** alone
[G7]
Anywhere a-**[C]**-lone **[F] [C] [F] [C] [F] [C] [F]**

And **[C]** everyone is **[F]** blonde
And **[C]** everyone is **[F]** beauti-**[C]**-ful **[F] [C] [F]**
And when **[C]** blonde and beautiful are **[F]** multiple
They be-**[C]**-come so dull and **[F]** duti-**[C]**-ful **[F] [C] [F]**

And when **[G]** faced with dull and dutiful
They fire **[G]** red warning **[Am]** flares
Battle **[G]** khaki personality
With **[C]** red under-**[Em7]**-wear **[E7]** (straight into chorus)

Chorus:

This could be [Am] Rotterdam or [C] anywhere, [Am] Liverpool or [C]
Rome,
'Cause [Am] Rotterdam is [C] anywhere, [D7] anywhere [G7] alone
[G7]
Anywhere a-[C]-lone [F] [C] [F] [C] [F] [C] [F]

(Removed instrumental because not got an accordion solo!)

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The [G] people are pickles for [Am] sure and
[G] No-one knows if they've done more here
Than they [C] ever would do in a [Em7] jar [E7] (straight into chorus)

Chorus:

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Rome,
'Cause [Am] Rotterdam is [C] anywhere, [D7] anywhere [G7] alone

(straight into repeat chorus)

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'Cause [Am] Rotterdam is [C] anywhere, [D7] anywhere [G7] alone
[G7]

Anywhere a-[C]-lone [F] [C] [F]
Anywhere a-[C]-lone [F] [C] [F]
Anywhere a-[C]-lone a-[F]-lone a-[C]-lone [F]
Anywhere a-[C]-lone [F] [C] [F]
This could be [C] Rotterdam, [F] [C] [F]
or any-[C]-where... [F] [C/]