

# Watching The Detectives

Words & Music:

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Am  
Nice girls, not one with a defect.  
F  
Cellophane shrinkwrap, so correct.  
Am F  
Red dogs under illegal legs.  
Am F  
She looks so good that he gets down and begs.

## CHORUS:

C G  
She is watching the detectives, "Ooh, he's so cute."  
C G C F D  
Watching the detectives when they shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot.  
Am G  
They beat him up until the teardrops start.  
F C G  
But he can't be wounded 'cause he's got no heart.

Long shot of that jumping sign.  
Visible shivers running down my spine.  
Cut to baby taking off her clothes;  
Close up of the sign that says, "We Never Close".

You snatch a tune, you match a cigarette.  
She pulls the eyes out with a face like a magnet.  
I don't know how much more of this I can take.  
She's filing her nails while they're dragging the lake.

## CHORUS:

You think you're alone, until you realize you're in it.  
Now, fear is here to stay, love is here for a visit.  
They call it instant justice when it's past the legal limit.  
Someone's scratching at the door, I wonder who is it?

The detectives come to check if you belong to the parents  
Who are ready to hear the worst about their daughter's disappearance.  
Though it nearly took a miracle to get you to stay,  
It only took my little fingers to blow you away.

## CHORUS: Am F

Mats Jansson's tab of the intro guitar lick [over Am F]:

Rhythm: 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4  
E -----|-----|  
B ----0-----|-1-0-1-----|  
G --02-----|-----|  
D 23-----|-----3-----|  
A -----|-----|  
E -----|-----|