

## The Way it Goes

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Becky Johnson bought the farm, Put a needle in her arm Am  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am  
And her brother laid her down, In the cold Kentucky ground  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am

### Chorus:

That's the way that it goes C Am  
Everybody's buying little baby clothes \_\_\_\_ F C G  
That's the way that it ends C Am  
Though there was a time when ***she and I*** were friends F E7 Am

Well, Miranda ran away, Took her cat and left LA Am  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am  
She was busted, broke and flat, Had to sell that pussy cat  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am

### Chorus w/ "***he and I***"

See the brightest ones of all, Early in October fall Am  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am  
While the dark ones go to bed, With good whiskey in their head  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am

### Break on chorus cords

Now Billy Joe's back in the tank, You tell Russo, I'll tell Frank Am  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am  
Did he throw her down a well?, Did she leave him for that swell?  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am

### Chorus w/ "***all of us***"

When you lay me down to rest, Leave a pistol in my vest Am  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am  
Do you miss my gentle touch?, Did I hurt you very much?  
That's the way that it goes. That's the way E7 Am

### Chorus w/ "***you and I***"