

Ordinary Man Chords & Lyrics – By Christy Moore

Intro – Am-G-F-G- Am (x3)

Am G F G Am
I'm an ordinary man, nothin' special nothin' grand

F G Am
I've had to work for everything I own

G F G Am
Well I never asked for a lot, I was happy with what I got

F G Am
Enough to keep my family and my home

F G C G6 Am
Now they say that times are hard - & they've handed me my cards

F E7
They say there's not the work to go around

Am G F G Am
When the whistle blows the gates will finally close

F G Am
Tonight they're going to shut this factory down

F G Am
Then they'll tear it down

G F G Am
I never missed a day nor went on strike for better pay

F G Am
 For 20 years I served them best I could
 G F G Am
 With a handshake and a cheque it seems so easy to forget
 F G Am
 Loyalty through the bad times and the good
 F G C G6 Am
 The owner says he's sad to see that things have got so bad
 F E7
 But the Captains of industry won't let him loose
 Am G F G Am
 He still drives a car and smokes a big cigar
 F G Am
 And still he takes his family on a cruise
 F G Am
 He'll never lose
 G F G Am
 Now it seems to me to be such a cruel irony
 F G Am
 He's richer now than ever he was before
 G F G Am
 Now my cheque is all spent and I can't afford the rent
 F G Am
 There's one law for the rich, one for the poor
 F G C G6 Am
 Every day I've tried to salvage some of my pride

F E7
 To find some work so's I might pay my way
 Am G F G Am
 But everywhere I go, the answer is always no
 F G Am
 There's no work for anyone here today
 F G Am
 No work today
 G F G Am
 And so condemned I stand, just an ordinary man
 F G Am
 Like thousands beside me in the queue
 G F G Am
 I watch my darlin' wife tryin' to make the best of life
 F G Am
 God knows what the kids are goin' to do
 F G C G6 Am
 Now that we are faced - with this human waste
 F E7
 A generation cast aside
 Am G F G Am
 For as long as I live, I never will forgive
 F G Am
 You've stripped me of my dignity & pride
 F G Am F G Am
 You've stripped me bare x2
 F G Am F G Am
 No work today x2