

The mermaid and the seagull

1. ^D Listening to you idle talk, smoke rising to the ceiling,
^G the words just seem to float on by, maybe you've had the feeling. ^D
^{Bm} Then looking into my empty glass
^{Em} I noticed the bar clock was ten minutes fast,
^D my beer was gone, and my money's spent, ^{Bm}
^G and I think it's about time that I went. ^A ^D - C - G - D
2. ^D I went walking along the main road, how can they call it High Street?
^G I said "Hello" to a face I know, but he had someone to meet. ^D
^{Bm} Then I noticed that the sea was coming in, ^A
^{Em} I almost felt like taking a swim, ^G
^D but the sea gets wild so I've been told, ^{Bm}
^G and anyway it was much too cold. ^A ^D
3. ^D I buttoned my coat up to my chin, went walking along the sand,
^G I thought I heard the mermaid sing to the sound of a big brass band. ^D
^{Bm} A seagull offered me a ride, ^A
^{Em} and so as not to hurt his pride, ^G
^D I said I wasn't going far, ^{Bm}
^G and I let him carry my guitar. ^A ^D + C - G - D (2x)
4. ^D Then along come a mermaid, said "Sing me a song,
and I'll stop the band from playing".
^G I was pleased and played with ease to the mermaid's gentle swaying. ^D
^{Bm} I must've stayed there for an hour or two, ^A
^{Em} the seagull said he'd have to go, ^G
^D and the mermaid said that she'd rather hear more, ^{Bm}
^G but she left me standing on the shore. ^A ^D + C - G - D (2x)
5. ^D The sun was bathing in the sea, right on the water line,
^G I shouted "Goodbye", but he didn't reply, I know he had no time. ^D
^{Bm} Even my footprints had disappeared ^A
^{Em} and as for the road I steered ^G
^D out from the sea there come a sigh, ^{Bm}
^G - A ^D

I think my mermaid said "Goodbye". + C - G - D (2x)

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6. And I'm listening to you idle talk, smoke rising to the ceiling,

and I'm watching the words go floating by,

 G D G D
maybe you've had the feeling, maybe you've had the feeling.

(orig. = capo 1st)