

# I Meant To Do My Work Today

Words and Music by Carrie Newcomer

*This song was recorded with an guitar alternative tuning using three cut off capos. But here are guitar chords in a standard tuning that are a close approximation.*

**Open no Capo  
(see Chord diagrams on last page)**

## Intro

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G  
G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**

## Verse 1

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
I meant to do my work today,

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
So many plans I had made.

**G/E G/ F# G/G**  
I'd check the mail, I'd make the calls

**G/E G/ F# G/G**  
Save the world and sweep the hall,

**G/E G/ F# G/G**  
Finally get my accounting done,

**G/ C G/B G/A G/G**  
Sort the beans one by one,

**G/ A G/B G/C**  
But I got waylaid by the morning sun.

**G/C G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
And I got absolutely nothing done.

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**

## Verse 2

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
I thought I'd live a louder life.

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
I'd learn a lot and get it right.

**G/E G/ F# G/G**  
I'd rent a loft I'd drink all night,

**G/E G/ F# G/G**  
I'd be a living archetype,

**G/E G/ F# G/G**  
And in a blinding flash of light,

**G/ C G/B G/A G/G**  
I'd see that one great insight,

**G/ A G/B G/C**  
But silence called me deeper still.

**G/C G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
Like nothing else I know ever will.

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**

## Verse 3

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
I woke to hear an owl nearby,

**G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G**  
Hunting something large enough to cry.

**G/E G/ F# G/G**  
Nature's always beautiful,

**G/E G/F# G/G**

The change of season always right,

**G/E G/F# G/G**

The moon shines cold and true and bright,

**G/C G/B G/A G/G**

And sets at dawn without a fight,

**G/A G/B G/C**

And yet I could not find a way,

**G/C G/B G/C G/F# G/G**

To get myself back to sleep last night.

**G/B G/C G/F# G/G**

#### **Verse 4**

**G/B G/C G/F# G/G G/B G/C G/F# G/G**

I never knew just what it meant

**G/B G/C G/F# G/G G/B G/C G/F# G/G**

The way you smiled while you dreamt.

**G/E G/F# G/G**

And why my heart can overflow,

**G/E G/F# G/G**

And why mistakes can haunt me so,

**G/E G/F# G/G**

Why nothing ever stops or stays,

**G/C G/B G/A G/G**

Dust shimmers in the morning rays,

**G/A G/B G/C**

I didn't do the work that I'd had said.

**G/C G/B G/C G/F# G/G**

I just wandered through these thoughts instead.

G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G  
G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G  
G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G  
G/ B G/C G/ F# G/G