

Dogtown

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CAPO 2

Intro:

Dm / Dm / Dm / Dm /

Verse:

Dm	/	Dm	/	Dm	/	Dm	/	
Up in	Massa	- chusetts	there's a	little	spit of	land		The
F	/	/	/	Em	/	A7	/	The
men who	make the	maps,	yes they	call the	place Cape	Anne		
Dm	/	/	/	Bb	/	Dm	/	But the
men who	do the	fishing	call it	Gloucester	Harbor	Sound		
Bb	/	/	/	A7	/	/	Dm	
women	left	behind,	they	call the	place	Dog	- town	
Dm	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/	The
Dm	/	/	/	Bb	/	Dm	/	The
men go	out for	whaling	past the	breakers	and the	fogs		
F	/	/	/	Em	/	A7	/	A
women	stay home	waiting,	they're	protected	by the	dogs		
Dm	/	/	/	Bb	/	Dm	/	
tough old	whaler	woman	who had	seen three	husbands	drown		
Bb	/	/	/	A7	/	/	Dm	
Polled the	popu	- lation and	she	named the	place	Dog	town	
Dm	/	Dm						
	There's	all these						
F	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/	
grey	faced	women in	their	black	widow's	gowns		
Eb	/	/	/	/	/	/	Em	
Living	in	this		graveyard	gran	- ite	town	
/	/	/	/	A7	/	/	/	Yeah you
F	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/	
soon learn	there's	many	more than	one	way	to	drown	That' while
Eb	/	A7	/	Dm	/	/	/	
going to	the	dogs, here	in	Dogtown				
Dm	/	/	/					
			And she speaks...					My
Dm	/	/	/	Bb	/	Dm	/	
father	was a	merchant	all	in the	Boston	Fife		When my
F	/	/	/	Em	/	A7sus	A7	
husband	came and			asked	him for my	hand		But
Dm	/	/	/	Bb	/	/	Dm	
little did	I	know then	that a	Gloucester	Whaler's		wife	

Bb /	A7 /	Dm /	/	/	/	
Marries but the	sea salt and the	sand				He
Dm /	/ /	Bb /	/	Db /	/	We
took me up to	Dogtown the	day I was a		bride		
F /	/ /	Em /	/	A7 /	/	He's the
had ten days	toge - ther	before he left my		side		
Dm /	/ /	Bb /	/	Dm /	/	He
first mate on a	whaling ship, the	keeper of the		log		
Bb /	/ /	A7 /	/	/	/	with my dog."
said, "Farewell	my darling, I'm gonna	leave you				
Dm /	/ /	/	/	/	/	

Chorus:

Dm /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	And I have
F /	/ /	/ /	Dm /	/ /	/ /	Known the
seen the splintered timbers	of a	hundred shattered hulls				
Eb /	/ /	Em /	/ /	A7 /	/ /	I've heard that
silence of the granite	and the	screeching of the		gulls		
F /	/ /	Dm /	/ /	/ /	/ /	At the
crazy Widow Cather	walk the	harbor as she		raves		
Bb /	A7 /	Dm /	/ /	/ /	/ /	
endless rolling	whisper of the	waves				
Dm /	/ /					(slow - cello interlude)

Verse:

Dm /	/ /	Bb /	/	Dm /	/	Is
Sitting by the	fireside, the	embers slowly		die		
F /	/ /	Em /	/	A7 /	/	The
it a sign of	weakness when a	woman wants to		cry		
Dm /	/ /	Bb /	/	Dm /	/	
dog is closely	watching, the	fire glints		in his eye		
(faster)						
Bb /	/ /	A7 /	A7sus	A7 /	/	to even try
No use to go to	sleep this early,	no use				
Dm /	/ /	Dm /	/	/	/	My
Dm /	/ /	Dm /	/	/ /	/ /	But
blood beats like a	woman's, I've got a	woman's		breasts and thighs		
Dm /	/ /	Dm /	/	/ /	/ /	
where am I to	offer them, to the	ocean or the		skies?		
Dm /	/ /	Dm /	/	/ /	/ /	
Living with this	silent dog	all the moments		of my life		

Dm	/	/	/	Em	/	/	A7
He has	been my	only husband,	am I a	widow,			or his wife?
Dm	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/
							Yes it's a
Dm	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/
dog town			And it's a	fog town			And there's
Dm	/	/	/	F	/	Em	A7
Noth -	ing	around	'Cept the	sea pounding		granite ground	
							And this
Dm	/	/	/	C	/	/	/
black,			midnight	horror			of a
Dm	/	/	/				
hound							I'm
Dm	/	/	/	Bb	/	/	Dm
standing	on this	craggy cliff,	my	eyes fixed		on the	sea
F	/	/	/	Em	/	A7	/
months past	when his	ship was	due, I'm a	widow	to	be	For
Dm	/	/	/	Bb	/	/	Dm
liking this	half -	living	with the	lonely		and the	fog
Bb	/	/	/	A7	/	/	/
bastard of the		mating	of a	woman			and a dog

Chorus:

Dm	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
						And I have	
F	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/
seen the	splintered	timbers	of a	hundred	shattered	hulls	Known the
Eb	/	/	/	Em	/	A7	/
silence	of the	granite	and the	screeching	of the	gulls	I've heard that
F	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/
crazy	Widow	Cather	walk the	harbor	as she	raves	At the
Bb	/	A7	/	Dm	/	/	/
endless	rolling	whisper	of the	waves			

Outro:

Bb	/	A7	/	Dm	/	/	/
endless	rolling	whisper	of the	waves			At the
Dm	/	/	/	Dm	/	/	/
endless	rolling	whisper	of the	waves			