

Watching The Detectives

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Intro

Am F

A -----0-2- | -3-2-3----- 2x
E -0-3----- | -----1--

Am

Nice girls, not one with a defect

F

Cellophane shrink wrap, so correct

Am

Red dogs under illegal legs

Am

She looks so good that he gets down and begs

C
She is watching the detectives

G
"Ooh, he's so cute"

C

Watching the detectives

G C F D
When they shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot

Am

They beat him up until the teardrops start

C G
But he can't be wounded cos he's got no heart

Am

Long shot of that jumping sign

F

Visible shivers running down my spine

Am

Cut to baby taking off her clothes

F

Close up of the sign that says, "We never close"

Am

You snatch a tune, you match a cigarette

F

She pulls the eyes out with a face like a magnet

Am

I don't know how much more of this I can take

Am

She's filing her nails while they're dragging the lake ...

Chorus

Am
 You think you're alone, until you realize you're in it
F
 Now fear is here to stay, love is here for a visit
Am
 They call it instant justice when it's past the legal limit
F
 Someone's scratching at the door, I wonder who is it?
Am
 The detectives come to check if you belong to the parents
F
 Who are ready to hear the worst about their daughter's disappearance
Am
 Though it nearly took a miracle to get you to stay
F *C*
 It only took my little fingers to blow you away

G
 Just like watching the detectives,
C
 Don't get cute
G
 Watching the detectives,
Am *GF*
 I get so angry when the teardrops start
C
 But he can't be wounded cos he's got no heart

Ending

G *Am F* *Am F*
 Watching the detectives, Watching the detectives

Rhythm continues: *Am F*
 Lead riffs over intro lick

