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CLEANING MY GUN - Mark Knopfler

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VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkOEXaRsT3s>

INTRO: D C D C D C D C D C

D C D C  
I keep a weather eye on the horizon, my back to the wall  
D C G D  
I like to know who's coming through the door, that's all  
D C D C  
It's the old army training kicking in  
D C G D C D C  
I'm not complaining, it's the world we live in

D C D C  
Blarney and Malarkey, they're a devious firm  
D C G D  
They'll take you to the cleaners or let you burn  
D C D C  
The help is breaking dishes in the kitchen - thanks a lot  
D C G D C D C  
We hired the worst dishwasher this place ever got

G Gsus D C D C  
Come in below the radar, they want to spoil our fun  
A G A A G A D C D C  
In the meantime I'm cleaning my gun

D C D C  
Remember it got so cold ice froze up the tank  
D C G D  
We lit a fire beneath her just so she would crank  
D C D C  
I keep a weather eye on the horizon, tap the storm glass now and then  
D C G D C D C  
I've got a case of Old Damnation for when you get here, my friend

G Gsus D C D C  
We can have ourselves a party before they come  
A G A A G A D C D C  
In the meantime I'm cleaning my gun

[Instrumental Break] D C D C D C G Asus  
D C D C D C G Asus D C D

G D  
We had women and a mirror ball, we had a DJ  
G D  
used to eat pretty much all that came his way

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G D  
Ever since the goons came in and took apart the place  
E A Asus  
I keep a tire iron in the corner, just in case  
D C D C  
I gave you a magic bullet on a little chain  
D C G D  
keeps you safe from the chilly winds and out of the rain  
D C D C  
We're gonna might need bullets should we get stuck  
D C G D C D C  
Any which way, we're going to need a little luck  
G Gsus D C D C  
You can still get gas in Heaven, and a drink in Kingdom Come  
A G A A G A D C D C... (fade)  
In the meantime I'm cleaning my gun

PERFORMANCE NOTES:

[The "DJ" refers to Donald J Trump and the "goons" to O'Brien & Co] Sorry, folks. There's a Big Problem in playing along with Mark: he recorded this tune in Db for YT. Very unhandy for all us who don't like to fool around with a capo or de/re-tuning our guitars.

Even so, to learn the chords and play along, I de-tuned the open strings on my guitar half a step (one fret) lower like this:

FROM: E A D G B E  
DOWN: Eb Ab Db Gb Bb Eb

Then I could play along using standard "D" shaped Chords. Further Above are standard "D" chord forms for down-tuned guitar, (de-tuned to Eb) ...so a "D" chord played sounds as a Db tonally.

OR: Just use standard tuning, the straight D chords above, and hope your vocalist can sing half a step (one fret) higher than Mark!

OR: For some real grit, drop-tune your guitar down two frets to low D (2 half-steps) like this (and hope your singer is OK with it):

FROM: E A D G B E  
DOWN: D G C F A D

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