

# There Ain't Half Been Some Clever Bastards

(Written by Ian Dury, Hardy Robins & Godfrey Russell 1978. Recorded by Ian Dury and the Blockheads.)

**(FM7)(Em7)(Dm7)(C)(G7)(G7) (x2)**

**(G7+)(C)** Noel Coward was a **(G7)** charmer.

**(F)** As a **(G7)** writer he was **(C)** brahma. **(A7)(D7)(G7)**

**(C)** Velvet jackets and py**(G7)** jamas,

"The **(F)** Gay Di**(G7)** vorce" and other **(C)** dramas.

There **(D7)** ain't half been some clever bastards

**(G)** (Lucky bleeders, lucky bleeders)

There **(D7)** ain't half been some clever bas**(G)** tards. **(C)**

**(G+)(C)** Van Gough did some eyeball **(G7)** pleasers.

**(F)** He must have **(G7)** been a pencil **(C)** squeezer. **(A7)(D7)(G7)**

He **(C)** didn't do the Mona **(G7)** Lisa,

**(F)** That was **(G7)** an Italian **(C)** geezer.

*(chorus)*

**(G+)(C)** Einstein can't be classed as **(G7)** witless.

**(F)** He claimed **(G7)** atoms were the **(C)** littlest. **(A7)(D7)(G7)**

**(C)** When you did a bit of **(G7)** split-em-ness

**(F)** Frighten **(G7)** everybody **(C)** shitless

There **(D7)** ain't half been some clever bastards. **(G)**

**(FM7)** Probably got **(Em7)** help from their **(Dm7)** mum

Who had **(C)** help from her **(G7)** mum.

There **(D7)** ain't half been some clever bas**(G)** tards.

<sup>(3/4)</sup> **(FM7)** Now that we've **(Em7)** had some,

Let's **(Dm7)** hope that there's **(C)** lots more to **(G7)** come. <sup>(4/4)</sup>

*(instrumental – verse chords)*

*(chorus)*

**(G+)(C)** Okey-dokey **(G7)** Oh!

**(F)(G7)** Segovia **(C)(A7)(D7)(G7)**

**(C)** Da-laa la-laa da-daa **(G7)** da-lee ,

**(F)** De dump di **(G7)** dump, de dump-dump-diddle **(C)** lum-lee.

There **(D7)** ain't half been some clever bastards

**(G)** (Lucky bleeders, lucky bleeders) **(x3)**

There **(D7)** ain't half been some clever **(G)**...**(C)** bastards

