Open Ended Life   *The Avett Brothers*

C5/G = *3x2013.* **G-C*** = **G** *then hammer on B and D strings for* **C5/G** *then back to* **G**. *Harmony*

Intro

G | G-C* | G | G-C*

Verse 1

```
G                             C5/G
Pack a change of clothes and a pillow for the road
            G                 G-C*
for when you drift off to sleep
      (G)                     C5/G                         G     G-C*
Put the sketches and the notes in the box labeled "burn with furniture"
          Am                          D7
We will watch the fire burn the whole entire house we built
        G        G-C*
down to ashes
          Am                          D7
From the mirror we'll admire how the flame quickly retires
          Am                          D7
We won't waste a long goodbye on the smoke or foolish lies
            G          G-C*
that finally passed us
```

Chorus

```
      Am                          D7
I was taught to keep an open ended life
                        G
And never trap myself in nothing
```

Verse 2

```
G                             C5/G
Let's find something new to talk about
                        G      C-G*
I'm tired of talkin' 'bout myself
   G                          C5/G
I spent my whole life talkin' to convince
                        G      C-G*
everyone that I was something else
          Am                          D7
And the part that kinda hurts is I think it finally worked
          G        C-G*
and now I'm leaving
            Am                            D7
I get the feeling things have changed, but the mystery to me
            Am                      D7
is where and when along the way did anyone decide that they
   G          C-G*
believed me?
```

Chorus

```
        Am                              D7
I was taught to keep an open ended life
                              G         G-C*
And never trap myself in nothing
        Am                              D7
I was told to keep an open ended life
                              G
To never trap yourself in nothing
```

Bridge

G | G | C5/G | C5/G | G | G-C* *x2*

G x x x | x C5/G G x | C5/G x x x | x C5/G G x *x2*

Verse 3

```
G                         C5/G
When we settle down in another nowhere town
                  G         G-C*
let's tell our neighbors
G                                    C5/G
We won't be here long and we'll be quiet
                        G        G-C*
but don't go askin' any favors
          Am                          D7
I can't stand the unexpected uninvited visits
                G         C-G*
from too many strangers
    Am                                D7
My trust has dwindled down and I can leave just as abruptly
      G           C-G*
as I came here
```

Chorus

```
        Am                              D7
I was taught to keep an open ended life
                              G         G-C*
never trap myself in nothing
        Am                      D7
I was told to keep an open ended life
                              G         G-C*
never trap yourself in nothing
        Am                      D7
I was taught to keep an open ended life
                              G
never trap myself in nothing . . . aw . . .
```

Outro

G | G | C5/G | C5/G | G | G | G | G *x2*

Am | Am | D7 | D7 *x3*

G x x x | x C5/G G x