

**Fiona Apple - Criminal (1996)**

**[Intro]** Am F7 x2

**[Verse]**

Am F7 Am  
I've been a bad, bad girl. I've been careless with  
F7 Am F7 Am  
a delicate man. And it's a sad sad world when a  
F7  
girl can break a boy just because she can.  
C Bb F7 C  
Don't you tell me to deny it, I've done wrong and  
Bb Am C Bb  
I want to suffer for my sins. I've come to you  
Ab7 G7  
cause I need guidance to be true  
F7 Ab7  
And I just don't know where I can begin

**[Chorus]**

F7 Cm  
What I need is a good defense  
F7 Cm  
cause I'm feeling like a criminal  
F7  
And I need to be redeemed  
Cm Bb  
To the one I sinned against  
Ab7 G7 F7 F7  
Because he was all I ever knew of love.

**[Verse]**

Am F7 Am  
Heaven help me for the way I am. Save me from these  
F7 Am  
evil deeds before I get them done. I know tomorrow  
F7 Am  
brings the consequence at hand but I keep living  
F7  
this day like the next will never come.  
C Bb F7  
Oh, help me, but don't tell me to deny it. I've got  
C Bb F7  
to cleanse myself of all these lies till I'm good  
C Bb Ab7  
enough for him. I've got a lot to lose and I'm  
G7 F7  
betting high so I'm begging you before it ends just  
Ab7  
tell me where to begin.

**[Repeat Chorus]**

**[Bridge]**

Eb B Ab B  
Let me know the way before there's hell to pay.  
Ab B Ab7  
Give me room to lay the law and let me go.  
Ab B Ab B  
I've got to make a play to make my lover stay  
Eb B Ab7  
So, what would an angel say cause the devil wants  
to know.

**[Repeat Chorus x 2]**

**[Outro]** Am F7 (repeat until fade out)