

# Neatly Packaged Notions, by C.J. Alegre

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LYRICS

Verse 1:

When you think you've solved your problems and the puzzle pieces fit  
in place creating a surprising and most satisfying shape you  
let your guard down hit the bar with all your friends to celebrate  
the grand conclusion of your quest the best that life can give or take  
from you and tie it up in neatly packaged notions preconceived  
till the whiskey and the wine's the only way to get some sleep and  
tend the garden in your soul that does not grow when you're awake  
because the work -the play- the alcohol- always get in the way  
of sitting still and marinating in the skin that holds your bones  
inside neatly packaged notions that your busy brain has honed  
until the ringing in your ears drowns out the ringing of the phone-  
'Til the ringing in your ear drowns out the ringing of the phone.  
'Til the ringing in your ear drowns out the ringing of the phone!

Verse 2:

When it feels like you're the problem, and when others seem to sail  
through life much smoother and much safer than your shaky boat can glide through,  
changing tides and brief asides, and places you don't understand,  
until your neatly packaged notions are turned, squarely on their head!  
Then bed is calling you five minutes after you've risen from sleep,  
because the whiskey and the wine stop you from ever sinking deep  
into your black and blue subconscious that's been bruised beyond believe, but  
anything is finally possible since you started having those dreams  
of taking Neatly packaged notions- Untying their strings.  
Take your neatly packed notions- untie all their strings.  
When you think you've solved your problems and the puzzle pieces fit!..