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### Canvas

**CaddD**      **Dm7**      **G/D**      **CaddD**  
The problem is real, the solution is not,  
**CaddD**      **F**      **G/D**  
And I can't solve it now with the tools that I've got.  
**Dm7**      **G/D**      **Em7**      **Am7/G**  
The canvas before me is blank as can be  
**Dm**      **Dm7**      **G/D**  
And filled with a picture that only I see.

(Chorus)

**CaddD**      **Dm7**      **Em7**      **Dm7**  
I'm painting a picture with if, else, and then.  
**C/G**      **F/G**      **Am7**      **G/D**  
Filling in colors, beginning to end.  
**Dm7**      **Em7**      **Am7/G**      **Dm7**  
And when I have drawn all the paths I can find,  
**CaddD**      **Dm7**      **Am7**      **G/D**  
Will the image reflect what I see in my mind?

Rough in the circle to hold and to bind  
The dancers with answers who waltz in my mind.  
Committed to canvas to hold them in place,  
Now fill in the holes in the negative space.

(Bridge)

**Fmaj7**      **Cmaj7**  
Painting the canvas by touch and by feel.  
**Fmaj7**      **Cadd9**  
Creating solutions and making them real.  
**F**      **G/D**      **E7**      **Am7**  
And you're watching me work and you swear that I'm blind,  
**Dm7**      **G/D**  
'Cause you think that the answers are easy to find.

My painting is done now or so I believe.  
I study the lines where the paths interleave.  
The dancers all frozen in time where they stand  
To produce the solution upon my command.

(Chorus and alternate chorus)

I've painted a picture with if, else, and then.  
Filled in the colors, beginning to end.  
I've drawn all the paths and I know where they lead  
And I pray at the end is the answer I need.

**CaddD**            **Dm7**            **Em7**            **CaddD**  
And I pray at the end is the answer I need.