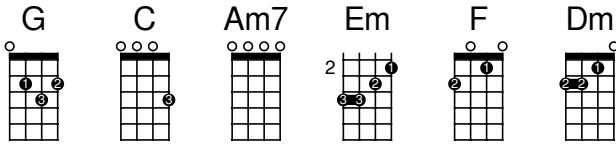


Dirty Old Town

Ewan MacColl, 1949



Key C First Note sung g

[G] [C] [G] [Am7] [Em]

[Em] I met my [C] love by the gas works wall,
Dreamed a [F] dream by the old ca- [C] nal.

[C] I kissed my girl by the factory [C] wall.
Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.

[Am7] Clouds are [C] drifting across the moon.
Cats are [F] prowling on their [C] beat.
Spring's a girl from the streets at night.
Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.

I heard a [C] siren from the docks,
Saw a [F] train set the night on [C] fire.
I smelled the spring on the smoky wind.
Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.

I'm gonna [C] make me a big sharp axe,
Shining [F] steel, tempered in the [C] fire.
I'll chop you down like an old dead tree,
Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.

Instrumental break (last verse)

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Dreamed a [F] dream by the old ca- [C] nal.
[C] I kissed my girl by the factory [C] wall.
Dirty old [Dm] town, dirty old [Am7] town.
Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.