**D** **F#m** **Em** **A** **D** **F#m** **G** **A**

All of the riverboat gamblers are losing their shirts

**D** **F#m** **Em** **A** **D** **F#m** **G** **A**

All of the brave union soldier boys sleep in the dirt

**F#m** **Em** **A** **D** **F#m** **B**

But you know and I know there never was reason to hurt

**Em** **G**

When all of our lives were entwined to begin with

**D** **F#m** **G** **A**

Here in Spoon River

All of the calico dresses, the gingham and lace

Are up in the attic with grandfather's derringer case

There’s words whispered down in the parlor, a shadowy face

The morning is heavy with one more beginning

Here in Spoon River

Come to the dance Mary Perkins, I like you right well

The union's preserved, if you listen you can hear all the bells

There must be a heaven, god knows I've seen mostly hell

My rig is outside, come and ride through the morning

Here in Spoon River

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