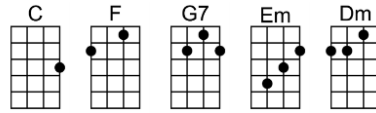


WHEN FIRST UNTO THIS COUNTRY

4/4 1...2...123 (without intro)



Intro: C (2 measures)

C F G7 C
 When first unto this country a stranger I came
 F Em Dm G7 C
 And I cour - ted a fair maid and Nancy was her name
 F G7 C
 I courted her for love and her love I didn't ob-tain
 F Em Dm G7 C
 Do you think I've any reason or right to com-plain?

Interlude: First 2 lines

C F G7 C
 I rode to see my Nancy, I rode both night and day
 F Em Dm G7 C
 'Til I no - ticed a stallion both white-looking and gray
 C F G7 C
 The sheriff's men had followed and they'd overtaken me
 F Em Dm G7 C
 And they car - ted me a-way to the penitentiary
 C F G7 C
 They opened up the door and then they shoved me in
 F Em Dm G7 C
 And they shaved off my head and then they cleared off my chin
 C F G7 C
 They beat me and they banged me and they fed me on dry beans
 F Em Dm G7 C
 'Til I wished to my own heart I'd never been a thief

Interlude: First 2 lines

C F G7 C
 With my hands all in my pockets, my cap set on so bold
 F Em Dm G7 C
 And my coat of all colors like Jacob's of old
 C F G7 C
 When first unto this country a stranger I came
 F Em Dm G7 C
 And I cour - ted a fair maid and Nancy was her name