

# Mississippi Halfstep Uptown Toodeloo

Grateful Dead

**Intro** | A Ab G F# | D /// | G / A B |

**V1** **C** **E7** **F** **Am**  
On the day when I was born Daddy sat down and cried.  
**F** **C** **G** **D7** **G**  
I had the mark just as plain as day; which could not be denied.  
**C** **E7** **F** **Am**  
They say that Cain caught Abel rolling loaded dice;  
**F** **C** **G** **Am** **E7**  
Ace of Spades behind his ear and him not thinkin' twice.

**Chorus** **Am** **F** **C** **G**  
Half step, Mississippi uptown toodeloo. Hello, baby, I'm gone, goodbye  
**F** **C** **G** **F** **C** **G**  
Half a cup of Rock and Rye. Farewell to you old Southern skies  
**Am** **E**  
I'm on my way, on my way.

**Interlude** Am // D9 | F Dm B7 E7  
Am // D9 | F Am D7 G7

**Lead** MV Lead

**V2** If all you got to live for is what you left behind,  
Get yourself a powder charge and seal that silver mine.  
Lost my boots in transit, baby, pile of smokin' leather.  
I nailed a retread to my feet and prayed for better weather.  
(Chorus)

**Lead** PJ Lead

**V3** They say that when your ship comes in, the first man takes the sails;  
Second takes the after deck, the third the planks and rails,  
What's the point of callin' shots; this cue ain't straight in line.  
Cue ball's made of styrofoam and no one's got the time.  
(Chorus)

**Lead** MS start > whisper quiet

**Bridge** **A** **D** **A**  
Across the Rio Grande, across the lazy river.

**Outro** MS to end

**Notes** 9/3/77 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6S2Jq2M7b8>)