**[Intro and interlude: | Am - Em - | C G D - |**

**[Verse1]**

**Am Em**

It was just a little while past the sunset strip

**C G D**

They found the girl’s body in an open pit

**Am Em**

Her mouth was sewn shut, but her eyes were still wide

**C G D**

Gazing through the fog to the other side

They booked me on a whim and threw me deep in jail

With no bail, sitting silent on a rusty pail

Just gazing at the marks on the opposite wall

Remembering the music of my lover’s call

So you make no mistake I know just what it takes

To pull a man’s soul back from heaven’s gates

I’ve been wandering in the dark about as long as sin

But they say it’s never too late to start again

**[Chorus1]**

**Am Em C G D**

Oh when, oh when // Will the spirit come a calling for my soul to send?

**Am Em C G D**

Oh when, oh when // Will the keys to the kingdom be mine again?

**[Interlude 2x]**

**[Verse 2]**

It was dark as the grave, it was just about three

When the warden with his key came to set me free

They gave me five dollars and a secondhand suit

A pistol and a hat and a worn out flute

So I took a bus down to the Rio Grande

And I shot a man down on the edge of town

Then I stole me a horse and I rode it around

Til the sheriff pulled me in and he sat me down

He said, you make no mistake

I know just what it takes

To pull a man’s soul back from heaven’s gates

I’ve been wandering in the dark about as long as sin

But they say it’s never too late to start again

**[Chorus2]**

**[Interlude 2x / Jam]**

**[Verse 3]**

Well the sheriff let me go with a knife and a song

So I took the first train up to Oregon

And I killed the first man that I came upon

Because the devil works quick, you know it don’t take long

Then I went to the river for to take a swim

You know that black river water is as black as sin

And I washed myself clean as a newborn babe

And then I picked up a rock for to sharpen my blade

**[Chorus3]**