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Contents by Title

# **I TRADITIONAL**

#### Ain't No Grave

Traditional Capo: 4

#### Am

There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Dm

Am

There ain't no grave can hold my body down

There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Dm Am

There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, look way down the river
What do you think I see?
I see a band of angels
And they're coming after me
There ain't no grave can hold my body down
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, look down yonder, Gabriel
Put your feet on the land and sea
But don't you blow your trumpet
Until you hear from me
There ain't no grave can hold my body down
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, meet me, Jesus, meet me
Meet me in the air
And if these wings don't fail me
I'll meet you anywhere
There ain't no grave can hold my body down
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

Well, meet me, mother, meet me
Down by the river road
You know that I will be there
Checking in my load
There ain't no grave can hold my body down
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

#### **Banks Of The Ohio**

Traditional

C G
I asked my love to take a walk
G7 C
To take a walk, just a little walk
C7 F
And as we walked, along we talked
C G C
Of when would be our wedding day

I asked her if she would marry me And my wife forever be She only turned her head away And had no other words to say

And only say that you'll be mine In no others' arms entwine Down beside where the waters flow Down by the banks of the Ohio

I held a knife against her brest As into my arms she pressed She cried, "Oh, please, don't murder me I'm not prepared for eternity."

And only say that you'll be mine In no others' arms entwine Down beside where the waters flow Down by the banks of the Ohio

I took her by her golden curls
Drug her down to the river side
And there I threw her into drown
And then I watched her as she floated down

I started home between twelve and one I cried, "My god, what have I done? I've killed the only girl I love Because she would not be my braid."

#### Barbara Allen

Traditional Capo: 3

G G/F# Em
Twas in the merry month of May
C D
When green buds all were swelling,
C G G/F# Em
Sweet William on his death bed lay
G D G
For the love of Barbara Allen.

He sent his servant to the town To the place where she was dwelling, Saying you must come to my master dear If your name is Barbara Allen.

So slowly, slowly she got up And slowly she drew near him, And the only words to him she said Oh young man I think you're dying.

He turned his face unto the wall And death was in him welling, Good-bye, good-bye, to you my friends And be good to Barbara Allen.

When he was dead and laid in grave She heard the death bells knelling And every stroke to her did say Hard hearted Barbara Allen.

Oh mother, mother dig my grave And make it long and narrow, Sweet William died of love for me And I will die of sorrow.

And father, father dig my grave And make it long and narrow, Sweet William, he died yesterday And I will die tomorrow.

And she was buried in the old churchyard Sweet William layed beside her, Out of William's heart, there grew a rose Out of Barbara Allen's a briar.

They grew and grew in the old churchyard Till they could grow no higher At the end they formed, a true lover's knot The rose around the briar.

## **Death Of Queen Jane**

Traditional Capo: 2

C E7 Am F C F C
Queen Jane lay in lab or for nine days or more
Dm G CG C F
'Til her women grew so tired, they could no longer there
C F C G9 C E7 Am F C G C
They could no longer there

"Good women, good women, will you do one thing for me? Will you open up my right side and find my baby? And find my baby

"Oh no", cried the women, "That's a thing that never can be We will call on King Henry and hear what he may say And hear what he may say"

So King Henry was sent for, King Henry he did come Saying, "What does ail you my lady? Your eyes, they look so dim Your eyes, they look so dim"

"King Henry, King Henry, will you do one thing for me? Will you open up my right side and find my baby And find my baby"

"Oh no", cried King Henry, "That's a thing that never can be If I lose the flower of England, I shall lose the branch too I shall lose the branch too"

There was fiddling, aye, and dancing on the day the babe was born But poor Queen Jane beloved lay cold as a stone Lay cold as a stone

#### Delia

Traditional Capo: 2

**C/G**Delia was a ga

Delia was a gambling' girl,

F C/G F

Delia was a gambling' girl,

F

But she's laid her money down,

C/G G C/G

She's all I got and gone

Delia, Delia, why didn't you run When Cooney come chasing after you With that flaming fourtyfoursix gun She's all I got and gone

Delia's mamma weep and Delia's daddy moan, They wouldn't hated it quite so bad If only Delia had died at home She's all I got and gone

A rubber tired buggy and a double seated hack, Carried Delia down to the graveyard But they didn't bring her back She's all I got and gone

Delia, oh how could it be You wanted all of those gambling men But you never had time for me She's all I got and gone

#### **Fare Thee Well**

Traditional Capo: 2

C
If I had wings like Noah's dove

Am G Am F
I'd fly the river to the one I love

C Am
Oh fare thee well, my honey
G C
Fare thee well

I had a man, he was long and tall And he moved his body like a cannon ball Oh fare thee well, my honey Fare thee well

Remember one evening in the pouring rain And in my heart just an aching pain Oh fare thee well, my honey Fare thee well

And muddy rivers run muddy and wild Can't give my body for my unborn child Oh fare thee well, my honey Fare thee well

Just as sure as the birds fly high above Life ain't worth living without the one you love Oh fare thee well, my honey Fare thee well

If I had wings like Noah's dove I'd fly the river to the one I love Oh fare thee well, my honey Fare thee well

# **Green Green Rocky Road**

Traditional Capo: 2

D
When I go to Baltimore
G
D
Ain't no carpet on the floor
Come along and follow me
G
D
We'll go down to Galilee

D G D
Green, green rocky road
G D
Promenade in green
D
Tell me who you love
D
Tell me who you love

See that crow up in the sky She don't walk, she just fly She don't walk, and she don't run Keeps on flappin' to the sun

Green, green rocky road Promenade in green Tell me who you love Tell me who you love

Little Jane running to the wall Don't you stumble, don't you fall Don't you stumble, and don't you shout When I sing come runnin' out

Green, green rocky road Promenade in green Tell me who you love Tell me who you love

Ooka, Dooka, soda cracker Does your mamma chew tobacco? If your mama chews tobacco Ooka, Dooka, soda cracker

When I go to Baltimore Ain't no carpet on the floor Come along and follow me We'll go down to Galilee

Green, green rocky road Promenade in green Tell me who you love Tell me who you love

### **Hang Me**

Traditional Capo: 2

C F C
Hang me, oh, hang me, I'll be dead and gone
Am F C
Hang me, oh, hang me, I'll be dead and gone
Am
Wouldn't mind the hangin'
C Am
But, layin' in the grave so long, poor boy
G# G C
I been all around this world

Went all around the country and I ain't no place to go Went all around the country and I ain't no place to go Got so goddamned hungry Could hide behind a straw, poor boy I been all around this world

Went up on a mountain and there I made my stand Went up on a mountain and there I made my stand Rifle on my shoulder And a dagger in my hand, poor boy I been all around this world

Put the rope around my neck and hang me up so high Put the rope around my neck and hang me up so high Last words I heard 'em say, poor boy I been all around this world

Hang me, oh, hang me, I'll be dead and gone Hang me, oh, hang me, I'll be dead and gone Wouldn't mind the hangin' But, layin' in the grave so long, poor boy I been all around this world

## Hangman

Traditional Capo: 2

Am

Oh slack your rope hangman slack it for a while

Think I saw my father coming riding many a mile

Am

Oh father have you brought me hope

Or have you paid my fee

G Am

Or have you come to see me hanging

E7 Am

From the gallows tree

Oh slack your rope hangman slack it for a while Think I saw my brother coming riding many a mile Oh brother have you brought me hope Or have you paid my fee Or have you come to see me hanging From the gallows tree

Oh slack your rope hangman slack it for a while Think I saw my mother coming riding many a mile Oh mother have you brought me hope Or have you paid my fee Or have you come to see me hanging From the gallows tree

Oh slack your rope hangman slack it for a while Think I saw my sister coming riding many a mile Oh sister have you brought me hope Or have you paid my fee Or have you come to see me hanging From the gallows tree

I have not brought you hope I have not paid your fee D7/F# E7 Am G Yes I have come to see you hanging

Oh slack your rope hangman slack it for a while Think I saw my true love coming riding many a mile Oh true love have you brought me hope Or have you paid my fee Or have you come to see me hanging From the gallows tree

Yes I have brought you hope And I have paid your fee I have not come to see you hanging

## **House Carpenter**

Traditional Capo: 3

Am G Am

"Well met, well met, my own true love,
G Am

Well met, well met," cried he.
C G Em

"I've just returned from the salt, salt sea
Am G Am

All for the love of thee".

I could have married the king's daughter dear She would have married me But I have forsaken her crowns of gold All for the love of thee

If you could have married the king's daughter dear

I'm sure you are to blame For I am married to a house carpenter And find him a nice young man

Oh, will you forsake your house carpenter And go along with me? I'll take you to where the grass grows green To the banks of the salt, salt sea

If I should forsake my house carpenter And go along with thee What have you got to maintain me on And keep me from poverty?

Well I have six ships waiting out on the sea Seven more upon dry land One hundred and ten brave sailor men Will be at your command

So she picked up her own wee babe And kisses gave him three "Stay right here with my house carpenter And keep him good company"

And they had been gone for about two weeks I'm sure it was not three
When this fair lady began to weep
She wept most bitterly

Oh, why do you weep, my fair young maid Weep it for your golden store? Or do you weep for your house carpenter Who never you shall see no more?

I do not weep for my house carpenter Nor for any golden store I do weep for my own wee babe Who never I shall see no more

And they had been gone for about three weeks
I'm sure it was not four
When their gallant ship leaked and sank
Never to rise no more

What hills, what hills are those, my love Those hills so fair and high? Those are the hills of heaven, my love But not for you and I

And what hills, what hills are those, my love Those hills so dark and low? Those are the hills of hell, my love Where you and I must go

# **House Of The Rising Sun**

Traditional Capo: 2

Am C D F
There is a house in New Orleans
Am C E
They call the Rising Sun
Am C D F
And it's been the ruin of many poor boys
Am E Am E7
And me oh Lord I'm one

My mother was a tailor She sewed those new blue jeans My father was a gamblin' man Down in New Orleans

The only thing a gambler needs
Is a suitcase and a trunk
And the only time that he's satisfied
Is when he's on a drunk

Oh, mother, tell your children Not to do what I have done Not to spend your lives in sin and misery In the house of the Rising Sun

I got one foot on the platform And the other on the train I'm going back to New Orleans To wear that ball and chain

There is a house in New Orleans
They call the Rising Sun
And it's been the ruin of many poor boys
And, me oh Lord I'm one

## John Barleycorn

Traditional Capo: 2

D Am C G Am A5 Am A5

There were three men came out of the west

D C G Am A5 Am A5

Their fortunes for to try

D Am C G Am A5 Am A5

And these three men made a solemn vow

D C G Am A5 Am A5

John Barleycorn must die .

C Am

They've ploughed, they've sown, they've harrowed him in

C D Esus E Esus E

Threw clods at Barley's head

Dm Am C G Am A5 Am A5

And these three men made a solemn vow

D C G Am A5 Am A5

John Barleycorn was dead

They've let him lie for a very long time

Till the rains from heaven did fall

And little Sir John sprung up his head

And so amazed them all

They've let him stand till Midsummer's Day

Till he looked both pale and wan

And little Sir John's grown a long, long beard

And so become a man

They've hired men with the scythes so sharp

To cut him off at the knee

They've rolled him and tied him by the way

Serving him most barbarously

They've hired men with the sharp pitchforks

Who pricked him to the heart

And the loader he has served him worse than that

For he's bound him to the cart

They've wheeled him around and around the field

Till they came unto a barn

And there they made a solemn oath

On poor John Barleycorn

They've hired men with the crab-tree sticks

To cut him skin from bone

And the miller he has served him worse than that

For he's ground him between two stones

And little Sir John and the nut-brown bowl

His brandy in the glass

And little Sir John and the nut-brown bowl

Proved the strongest man at last

The huntsman, he can't hunt the fox

Nor loudly blow his horn

And the tinker he can't mend kettle nor pot

Without a little Barleycorn

# **John Henry**

Traditional Capo: 2

#### G

Well, John Henry, was a steel-driving man And now he's dead, and now he's dead Yes, John Henry, was a steel-driving man

And John Henry, he left his hammer Layin' side of the road, layin' side of the road Yes, John Henry, he left his hammer

This old hammer it killed John Henry But it won't kill me, no it won't kill me This old hammer it killed John Henry

Take this hammer, carry it to the captain Tell him that I'm gone, tell him that I'm gone Take this hammer, carry it to the captain

Well, John Henry, was a steel-driving man And now he's dead, and now he's dead Yes, John Henry, was a steel-driving man

And John Henry, he left his hammer All painted in red, all painted in red Yes, John Henry, he left his hammer

### **Lakes Of Pontchartrain**

Traditional Capo: 5

CG G D It was one fine March morning I bid New Orleans adieu. Em C I was on the road to Jackson town, My fortune to renew, G I cursed all foreign money, G D No credit could I gain, C Which filled my heart with longing for The lakes of Pontchartrain.

I sat on board of a railway car,
Beneath the morning sun,
And I road the roads till the evening,
And I laid my body down,
All strangers there no friends to me,
Till a dark girl towards me came,
And I fell in love with a Creole girl,
By the lakes of Pontchartrain.

I said, "My pretty Creole girl,
My money here's no good,
If it wasn't for the alligators,
I would sleep out in the woods".
"You're welcome here kind stranger,
Our house is very plain.
But we never turn a stranger out,
From the lakes of Pontchartrain."

She took me to her momma's house, And treated me right well, The hair upon her shoulder In jet black ringlets fell. To try and paint her beauty, I'm sure it'd be in vain, So handsome was my Creole girl, By the lakes of Pontchartrain.

I asked her would she would marry me, She said it could never be, For she had got another man, How was out at the sea. She said that she would wait for him And faithful she'd remain. Waiting for her sailor man, By the lakes of Pontchartrain. So fare you well my Bonny ol girl, I'll never see you no more, I wont forget your kindness In the cottage by the shore. At every social gathering A flowing glass I'll raise, To the health of my Creole girl, And the lakes of Pontchartrain.

## **Lily Of The West**

Traditional Capo: 4

Am
When I first came to Louisville, my fortune there to find
FCEm Am
I met a fair young maiden there, her beauty filled my mind
CCG/G#Am
Her rosy cheek and ruby lips, they gave my heart no rest
FCEm Am
The name she bore was Flora, the lily of the west

I courted lovely Flora, she promised ne'er to go But soon a tale was told to me that filled my heart with woe They said she meets another man who holds my love in jest And yet I trusted Flora, the lily of the west

Way down in yonder shady grove, a man of low degree
He spoke unto my Flora there and kissed her 'neath a tree
The answers that she gave to him like arrows pierced my breast
I was betrayed by Flora, the lily of the west

I stepped up to my rival there, my dagger in my hand And seized him by his collar and ordered him to stand All in my desperation I stabbed him in his chest I killed a man for Flora, the lily of the west

And then I had to stand my trial, I had to make my plea.
They put me in a pris'ner's dock and then commenced on me
Although she swore my life away, deprived me of my rest
Still I love my Flora, the lily of the west

#### **Little Sadie**

Traditional Capo: 5

#### Dm

Went out one night to take a look around C
I met little Sadie and I shot her down
Am C Am C
Run back home and got to bed
Am C Dm
Forty-four smoking under my head

Woke up in the morning 'bout a half past nine, The hacks and buggies standing in line, The gents and gamblers standing all round, Taking little Sadie to her burying ground

Begin to think what a deed I'd done Grabbed my hat and away I run, Made a good run, but a little too slow They overtook me down in Jericho

Standin' in the corner ringin' a bell Along came the sheriff from Thomasville Says "Young man, your name is Brown, Remember the night you shot Sadie down?"

Oh, yes sir, my name is Lee, I murdered little Sadie in the first degree First degree, second degree Got any papers to read 'em to me

They took me downtown, dressed me in black Put me on a train and sent me back Sent me back to the county jail Got nobody to go for my bail

The judge and jury they took the stand The judge had the paper in his right hand Forty-one days, forty-one nights, Forty-one years to wear the ball and stripes

## **Matty Groves**

Traditional Capo: 3

#### Am

A holiday, a holiday

G Am

The first one of the year

Dm Am

Lord Donald's wife came into church

Em Am

The Gospel for to hear

And when the meeting it was done She cast her eyes about And there she saw little Matty Groves Walking in the crowd

"Come home with me, little Matty Groves Come home with me tonight Come home with me, little Matty Groves And lie down by my side"

And Matty Groves he lay down And took a little sleep When he awoke, Lord Donald was Standing at his feet

Saying, "How do you like my feather bed How do you like my sheets How do you like my lady Lying in your arms asleep?"

"Oh, well I like your feather bed And well I like your sheets But better I like your lady Lying in my arms asleep"

"Oh, get up, get up", Lord Donald cried
"Get up as quick as you can
It'll never be said in fair England
I slew a naked man"

And Matty struck the very first blow And hurt Lord Donald sore Lord Donald struck the very next blow And Matty struck no more

And then Lord Donald he took his wife And he put her on his knee Saying, "Who do you like the best of us Matty Groves or me?" And then up spoke his own dear wife She never spoke so free "I'd rather kiss dead Matty's lips Than you or your finery"

And then Lord Donald, he jumped up And loudly he did bawl And struck his wife right through the heart And pinned her against the wall

"A grave, a grave," Lord Donald cried
"To put these lovers in
But bury milady at the top
For she was of noble kin"

#### Moonshiner

Traditional Capo: 2

Am F C m a moonshiner Am For seventeen long years Am C And I spent all my money Am F On whiskey and beer Am F And I go to some hollow Am F C And set up my still Am And if whiskey won't kill me Am Lord, I don't know what will

And I go to some barroom
To drink with my friends
Where the women they can't follow
To see what I spend
God bless them, pretty women
I wish they were mine
With breath as sweet as
The dew on the vine

Let me eat when I'm hungry Let me drink when I'm dry Two dollars when I'm hard up Religion when I die

G G7
And the whole world is a bottle
C F
And life is but a dram
Am F C
When the bottle gets empty
Am F C
Life ain't worth a damn

#### **Omie Wise**

Traditional Capo: 2

Am G
Oh, listen to my story, I'll tell you no lies,
Am E Am
How John Lewis did murder poor little Omie Wise.

He told her to meet him at Adam's Springs. He promised her money and other fine things.

So, fool-like she met him at Adam's Springs. No money he brought her nor other fine things.

She climbed up behind him and away they did go. Off to the river where deep waters flow.

"John Lewis, John Lewis, please tell me no lie. Do you intend to marry me or leave me behind?"

"Oh Omie, oh Omie, I'll tell you my mind.

My mind is to drown you and leave you behind."

"Have mercy on my baby and spare me my life, I'll go home as a beggar and never be your wife."

He kissed her and hugged her and turned her around, Then pushed her in deep waters where he knew that she would drown.

Two boys went a-fishin' one fine summer day, Whey they saw Omie's body go floating away.

They threw their net around her and drew her to the bank. Her clothes all wet and muddy, they laid her on a plank.

Then sent for John Lewis to come to that place That he could see her body and they could see his face.

He made no confession but they carried him to jail, No friends or relations would go on his bail.

# **Shady Grove**

Traditional

Dm C
Shady Grove, my little love
Dm
Shady Grove I say
C

Shady Grove, my little love

Dm Am Dm

I'm bound to go away

Cheeks as red as a blooming rose Eyes of prettiest brown She's the darling of my heart Sweetest girl in town

Wish I had a big brown horse Corn to feed him on Shady Grove to stay at home Feed him while I'm gone

Went to see my Shady Grove She was standing in the door Shoes and stockings in her hand Little bare feet on the floor

When I was a little boy I wanted a Barlow knife Now I want my Shady Grove To say she'll be my wife

And a kiss from my Shady Grove Sweet as brandy wine There ain't no girl in this whole wide world Prettier than mine

Shady Grove, my little love Shady Grove I say Shady Grove, my little love I'm bound to go away

#### **Stackerlee**

Traditional Capo: 2

D
Remember one September,
D
On one Friday night,
G
Stackerlee and Billy Lyon,
G
Had a great big fight,
G
D
He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

Stack, he says to Billy You can't play like that, First you won my money, Now you're trying to get my hat, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

And Billy shot six bits,
And Stack, he bet he passed,
Stack, out with a forty-five,
Said you've shot your last,
He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

Oh Mister Stackerlee, Please don't take my life, At home I got three children, And a darlin' lovin' wife, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

God will take your children,
I'll take care of your wife,
First you took my money,
Now I'm gonna take your life,
He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

A woman there came a running, She fell down on her knees, Crying, Oh Mister Lee, Don't shoot my brother please, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

Woman to the sheriff,
Oh how can that be,
You can arrest everybody,
But you're afraid of Stackerlee,
He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

Sheriff went to Stackerlee, He was lying there asleep, And the sheriff he got Stackerlee, When he jumped up on his feet, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee Stack says to the jailer, Jailer, I can't sleep, Cause all around my bedside, Billy Lyon begins to creep, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

Two o'clock next Tuesday, On a scaffold high, People coming from miles all around, Just to watch old Stackerlee die, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

And down in New Orleans, There's a place called Lions Club, Where every step you take, You're stepping in Billy Lyon's blood, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

Remember one September, On one Friday night, Stackerlee and Billy Lyon, Had a great big fight, He's a bad man, oh, cruel Stackerlee

# St. James Infirmary

Traditional Capo: 4

Am E7 Am It was down in old Joe's barroom

F C E

On the corner of the square.

Am E7 Am D7

They were serving the drinks as usual,

E7 Am

And the usual crowd was there.

To my left stood big Joe McKennedy His eyes were bloodshot red. Turned his head to the crowd around him And these were the words he said:

I went down to St. James infirmary, To see my baby there, Stretched out on a long white table, So cold, so sweet, so fair.

Let her go, let her go, God bless her,

F G C E7

Wherever she may be, She may search the whole wide world over Never find a man like me.

And it was down in old Joe's barroom On the corner of the square. They were serving the drinks as usual, And the usual crowd was there.

# The Boy Who Wouldn't Hoe Corn

Traditional Capo: 5

Dm Bb

Tell you a story, it won't take long,

'Bout a lazy farmer who wouldn't hoe his corn.

Bb

The reason why I never could tell,

Dn

That young man was always well.

He planted his corn in the month of June. By July it was up to his eyes. Come September, came a big frost.

And all the young man's corn was lost.

His courtship had just begun.

Said: "Young man, have you hoed some corn?" "Well, I tried and I tried, but I tried in vain.

And I don't believe I raised one grain."

He went down to his neighbour's door. Where he had often been before. Sayin': "Little miss, will you marry me? Little miss what do you say?"

"Why do you come for me to wed? You can't even make your own corn grain. "Single I am, single I will remain. A lazy man, I won't maintain."

So he turned his back and walked away. Saying: "Little miss, you will rue the day. You will rue the day that you were born. For givin' me the devil 'cos I wouldn't hoe corn."

#### **Trail Of The Buffalo**

**Traditional** 

Am

Come all you old time cowboys

Am

And listen to my song

C

Please do not grow weary

^

I won't detain you long

Am

Concerning some wild cowboys

Am

Who did agree to go

.

And spend the summer pleasant

Ε

Am

On the trail of the buffalo

I found myself in Texas
In the year of '83
A well known famous drover
Came walking up to me
Saying, "How do you do, young fellow
How would you like to go
And spend the summer pleasant
On the trail of the buffalo?"

Being out of work right then
To the drover I did say
"Going out on the buffalo trail
Depends on the pay"
But if you'll pay good wages
Transportation to and fro
I think I might go with you
On the trail of the buffalo

Of course I'll pay good wages
And transportation too
If you agree to work for me
Until the season's through
But if you do get homesick
And try to run away
You will starve to death
And also lose your pay

On the trail, on the trail
C
Am
On the trail, on the trail
F E Am
On the trail

With all his flattering talking
He signed up quite a train
Some ten or twelve in number
Some able bodied men
Our trip it was a pleasant one
Through good old Mexico
Until we crossed Pease River
On the trail of the buffalo

There our pleasures ended
The troubles all began
A lightening storm came on us
And made the cattle run
And we got full of stickers
From the cactus that did grow
All along the path
On the trail of the buffalo

When our season ended
The drover would not pay
He said you lost your money boys
You're all in debt to me
But the cowboys they had never heard
Of a thing like bankrupt law
So they left the bastard's bones to bleach
On the trail of the Buffalo

On the trail, on the trail On the trail, on the trail On the trail

# **Wayfaring Stranger**

Traditional Capo: 4

Em

I am a poor wayfaring stranger

Am Em

Travelling through this world below

Em

There is no sickness, no toil nor danger

Am E

In that bright land to where I go

C

I'm going there to see my father

B

I'm going there no more to roam

Em

I'm only going over Jordan

Am B7 C B7

Em

I'm only going

going over home

I know dark clouds will gather around me

I know my way is hard and steep

But beautious fields arise before me

Am B7 C B7

Em

Where God's redeemed

their vigils keep

I'm going there to see my mother She said she'd meet me when I come I'm only going over Jordan

I'm only going going over home

### Whiskey In The Jar

Traditional Capo: 4

G Em

As I was goin' over the Cork and Kerry mountains
C G Em

I saw Captain Farrell and his money he was countin'
G Em

I first produced my pistol and then produced my rapier
C G Em

I said, "Stand and deliver, or the devil, he may take you"

D
Mush-a ring, dam-a-doo dam-a-da
G
Whack for my daddy-o
C
Whack for my daddy-o
G
D
G
There's whiskey in the jar

I took all of his money and it was a pretty penny
I took all of his money and I brought it home to Molly
She swore that she'd love me, never would she leave me
But the devil take that woman, for you know she tricked me easy

Mush-a ring, dam-a-doo dam-a-da Whack for my daddy-o Whack for my daddy-o There's whiskey in the jar

Being drunk and weary, I went to Molly's chamber Takin' Molly with me and I never knew the danger For about six, maybe seven, in walked Captain Farrell I fired off my pistols, and I shot him with both barrels

Mush-a ring, dam-a-doo dam-a-da Whack for my daddy-o Whack for my daddy-o There's whiskey in the jar

Some men like the fishin' and some men like the fowlin' Some men like to hear the cannon ball a-roarin' Me, I like sleepin', 'specially in my Molly's chamber But here I am in prison, here I am with a ball and chain yeah

Mush-a ring, dam-a-doo dam-a-da Whack for my daddy-o Whack for my daddy-o There's whiskey in the jar

### Will The Circle Be Unbroken

Traditional Capo: 3

C
I was standing by my window
F
C
On one cold and cloudy day
Am
When I saw that hearse come rolling
C
G
C
For to carry my mother away

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

I said to that undertaker Undertaker please drive slow For this lady you are carrying Lord, I hate to see her go

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

Oh, I followed close behind her Tried to hold up and be brave But I could not hide my sorrow When they laid her in the grave

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

When I got home, that home was lonesome Missed my mother, she was gone All of my brothers and sisters crying What a home so sad and lone

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

# Will The Circle Be Unbroken (alternate lyrics)

**Traditional** 

There are loved ones in the glory Whose dear forms you often miss When you close your earthly story Will you join them in their bliss?

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

In the joyous days of childhood Oft they told of wondrous love Pointed to the dying saviour Now they dwell with him above

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

You remember songs of heaven Which you sang with childish voice Do you love the hymns they taught you Or are songs of earth your choice?

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

You can picture happy gath'rings 'Round the fireside long ago And you think of tearful partings When they left you here below

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

One by one their seats were emptied And one by one they went away Now the family is parted Will it be complete one day?

Will the circle be unbroken By and by, Lord, by and by There's a better home a-waiting In the sky, Lord, in the sky

# **II BOOTHILL SOCIETY**

# **Cowboy Man**

Boothill Society Capo: 2

Am F Am
Bring me my cowboy, tell him I'm waiting
C G E
Or else my heart will go insane

Am F F
Bring me my cowboy, he's such a fine guy
E Am G

It does me harm no words could tell

And ever since the day he rode off

Am F C G

When our hearts and herds were split in two

Am F Am

And ever since the day he rode off

F E Am

I am waiting for my cowboy man

Bring me my cowboy, tell him I'm waiting Or else my heart's expecting rain

Bring me my cowboy, he's such a fine guy It does me harm no words could tell

And ever since the day he rode off
When our hearts and herds were split in two
And ever since the day he rode off
I am waiting for my cowboy man

G C
With his cattle he keeps trekking
F Bb Am
From California to Ohio
G C
And the sand of endless valleys
Dm E Am
Keeps sticking to his boots

And ever since the day he rode off When our hearts and herds were split in two And ever since the day he rode off I am waiting for my cowboy man

F E I am waiting for my cowboy

Waiting for my cowboy

F E Bb Am

Waiting for my cowboy man

## **Flying Shoes**

Boothill Society Capo: 2

C
Mile by mile I walked this road
C
Mile by mile I have been told
F
You have to wait for her
F
C
Am
You have to wait till she's back again
G6
Bring me my flying shoes
F
G
C
I have to see her again

Turn by turn I rolled a dice
Turn by turn I lost the price
Cannot not think of her
Cannot wait till she's back again
Bring me my flying shoes
I have to see her again

Letter by letter I wrote to her Letter by letter my ink got blurred Can't hold this goddamn pen Can't hold it till she's back again Bring me my flying shoes I have to see her again

Song by song I sang to her Song by song my voice got furred Can't sing this song no more Can't sing it till she's back again Bring me my flying shoes I have to see her again Bring me my flying shoes I have to see her again

## **Good Bye Honey**

Boothill Society Capo: 2

C F
Hand me my bag I gotta go
C G
Hand me my bag Jopen up the door
C F
Hand me my bag I gotta go
C G C
Good bye honey, so long

Oh all the good times that we have had Oh all the good times they make me sad Oh all the good times that we have had Good bye honey, so long

None of your crying can call me back None of your crying will open up the sack None of your crying can call me back Good bye honey, so long

Just one more kiss before you go Just one more kiss don't want no more Just one more kiss before you go Good bye honey, so long

You've got your kiss the road is calling You've got your kiss I love you darlin' You've got your kiss the road is calling Good bye honey, so long

Well, here's your bag and there's the door Well, here's your bag go go go Well, here's your bag and there's the door

C G F Good bye honey, so long

Good bye honey, so long

### He Was A Friend

Boothill Society Capo: 4

#### G B7 Em C

G C/G G
He was a friend, he was a friend
G C/G G
He was a friend, he was a friend
G C/G G
One day the sheriff he shot him dead
G C/G G
One day the sheriff put a bullet in his head
B7 Em C
He was a friend, he was a friend

Next day I took my forty-five Next day I took my forty-five Went to the sheriff and shot him dead Went to the sheriff, put a bullett in his head He was no friend, he was no friend

And then I took off to the hills
And then I took off to the hills
And there I hid inside a tree
Where no man can ever find me
Ain't got no friend, ain't got no friend

But someone dropped a dime on me But someone dropped a dime on me And so they caught me in my tree And I had to answer for my deed He was a friend, my only friend

### G C G B7 Em C

And now they've dressed me all in black And now they've dressed me all in black And they gonna hang me up so high Until my body is dead and dry

### I Ain't Be That Person

Boothill Society Capo: 4

C
For ten years I've been rambling
F
C
From town to town I go
C
For ten years I've been rambling
D7
G
G
T
Now I'm rambling home
C
And I'm calling out your name
Em
Am
And I'm knocking at your door
Dm
G
F
C
For I ain't be that person no more

For no reason I've been travelling Nowhere I stayed for long For no reason I've been travelling Now I'm travelling home Cause a wayfare needs an ending And now I'm knocking at your door For I ain't be that person no more

Many houses I stopped by
Many pretty girls I met
Many houses I stopped by
Disremember what they said
But now those days are over
And I'm knocking at your door
For I ain't be that person no more

I've never been no rich man
Not a penny to my name
I've never been no rich man
What I own I spend
Last dollars on a ticket
And now I'm knocking at your door
For I ain't be that person no more

I know you deserve better
I know a fool I am
I know you deserve better
Let's start all over again
So I hope you will forgive me
While I'm knocking at your door
For I ain't be that person no more
For I ain't be that person no more

## **Leave Them Where They Die**

**Boothill Society** Capo: 2

Am

My bunch of wild boys

Always on the run

Never get caught

They're never too far

Am

When there's a bank to rob

**E7** Am Another train to stop

The sheriff of the town

Down in Bittercreek

He told us these boys are indeed

The worst kind of men he had ever met

He soon had a hole in his head

Am G Αm

There is an unwritten law

Says "Leave them where they die"

Cause everybody in town knows

Am **E7** 

The boothill's about to overflow

My bunch of wild boys

Always on the run

Dead or alive

They stick to their guns

When there's a bank to rob

Another train to stop

Down in Table Rock

He told us these boys are indeed

The worst greedy bunch he had ever met

He soon a hole in his head

There is an unwritten law

Says "Leave them where they die"

Cause everybody in town knows

C

What if they never get caught?

The sheriff cries

**E7** 

"O Lord", "O Lord", "O Lord"

C

What if they never get caught?

The reverend cries

**E7** 

"O Lord", "O Lord", "O Lord"

C

What if they never get caught?

Dm

The widow she cries

"O Lord", "O Lord", "O Lord"

C

What if they never get caught?

Everyone cries

**E7** Am

"O Lord"

C G C **E7** Am **E7** F# F **E7** Am Am

The priest of the town

The boothill's about to overflow

# **Oh Johnny**

**Boothill Society** 

С

G The rivers they carry

A lot of stories

And Johnny oh Johnny

С

Tell them to me

Am

All the rivers are floating

Towards the sea

But Johnny stay here with me

How many tears Can the sea take? How many more stories Can Johnny tell? All the rivers are floating

Towards the sea

But Johnny stay here with me

My darling, my darling Oh please won't you cry The dreams of the rivers Just middle-class lies

All the rivers are floating

Towards the sea

But Johnny stay here with me

But Johnny stay here with me

But Johnny stay here with me

## One Day

Boothill Society Capo: 4

Am

Am

One day, I'm gonna shoot you down

D7 An

One day, I'm gonna shoot you down

**D7** 

Cause you've been out here too long

E E

And nobody's gonna miss you when you're gone

F E Am

When you're gone, gone, gone

F E Am

When you're gone, gone, gone

G E7

When you're gone

One day, you'll wake up in your blood
One day, you'll wake up in your blood
Cause you've been out here too long
And nobody's gonna miss you when you're gone
When you're gone, when you're gone
When you're gone, when you're gone
When you're gone

One day, I'm gonna lay you low
One day, I'm gonna lay you low
Cause you've been out here too long
And nobody's gonna miss you when you're gone
When you're gone, when you're gone
When you're gone, when you're gone
When you're gone

### One Too Many

**Boothill Society** Capo: 2

There's always one too many car And one too many train One too many aircraft One too many lane There's one too many factory

And one too many stack

There's always one too many soldier And one too many tank One too many fighter One too many combat plane There's one too many weapon And one too many war

Am Ε Am And it's a shame, oh it's a shame That nothing seems to change Am Ε Oh what a shame, oh what a shame G C F G Am F G C Oh brother break the chains

There's always one too many misery And one too many fear One too many oppression One too many tear There's one too many bondage And one too many harm

And it's a shame, oh it's a shame That nothing seems to change Oh what a shame, oh what a shame Oh brother break the chains

There's always one too many prophet And one too many god One too many politician One too many filthy talk There's one too many penny And one too many stock

And it's a shame, oh it's a shame That nothing seems to change Oh what a shame, oh what a shame Oh brother break the chains Am F G C Everybody break the chains

## Plans For My 31St Birthday

**Boothill Society** 

C F C
They say I should pray to god
C Am G
They say I should pray to god
F C
But if he's never there
G Am
When I'm in trouble
C G C
I don't think i should pray to god

They say I should save my money
They say I should save my money
But as long as I don't know
What I'm saving for
I don't think I should save my money

They say I should go to school
They say I should go to school
But if all I wanna learn
Is tought on the streets
I don't think i should go to school

Am G
And for my thirty-first birthday
C F
I'll get myself a bell
Am G
A bell that rings out freedom
C F
Freedom to relax and chill
Am G
Where noone has to hide
C F
And noone ever has to burn
C G Am F
Yes for my thirtyfirst birthday
C G C
Darling, get yourself a bell

They say I should settle down
They say I should settle down
But if all what I need
Is a blanket on the floor
I don't think I should settle down

They say I should hail the king They say I should hail the king But if he is nothing But a stupid old jerk I don't think I should hail the king And for my thirty-first birthday I'll get myself a bell
A bell that rings out freedom
Freedom to relax and chill
Where noone has to hide
And noone ever has to burn
Yes for my thirtyfirst birthday
Darling, get yourself a bell

They say I'm too old to sing this song
They say I'm too old to sing this song
But as long as i don't see
A reason to quit
I continue to sing this song

## The Day I Found The Blues

Boothill Society Capo: 2

C G
I met a girl in Colorado
Am E7
Daughter of a desperado
F C
Stole my heart and let me loose
F G C
On the day I found the blues

I met a girl in Carolina She was the daughter of a miner Mined my heart and let me loose On the day I found the blues

F Am
And the day she let me loose
F G C
Was the day I found the blues
F Am
And the day she let me loose
F G C
Was the day I found the blues

I met a girl she was so pretty
I took her with me to the city
Broke my heart and let me loose
On the day I found the blues

I met a girl she was so funky I took her with me to the country Yoked my heart and let me loose On the day I found the blues

And the day she let me loose Was the day I found the blues And the day she let me loose Was the day I found the blues

C G
I met a girl from the West
Am E7
They really are the best
F C G G7
All the angels cried when she left

I met a girl from the East She was the daughter of a priest Sold my soul and let me loose On the day I found the blues And the day she let me loose Was the day I found the blues And the day she let me loose Was the day I found the blues

I met a girl in Oklahoma She was the daughter of a farmer Plowed my heart and let me loose On the day I found the blues

I met a girl down in Texas She was the daughter of a ranger Roped my heart and let me loose On the day I found the blues

And the day she let me loose Was the day I found the blues And the day she let me loose Was the day I found the blues

#### **Death Of Emmett Till**

Bob Dylan Capo: 2

Am Am7/G Am/F# F

It was down in Mississippi no so long ago,

Am Am7/G Am/F# E

When a young boy from Chicago town walked in a Southern door.

Am Am7/G Am/F# F

This boy's frightful tragedy you should all remember well,

Am Am7/G Am/F# E Am

The color of his skin was black his name was Emmett Till.

Some men they dragged him to a barn and there they beat him up.

They said they had a reason, but I disremember what.

They tortured him and did some things too evil to repeat.

There was screaming sounds inside the barn, there was laughter on the street.

They rolled his body down a gulf amidst the blood-red rain

And they threw him in the waters wide to cease his screaming pain.

The reason that they killed him there, I'm sure it ain't no lie,

The color of his skin was black, so he was born to die.

To stop the United States of yelling for a trial,

Two brothers they confessed that they had killed poor Emmett Till.

But on the jury there were men who helped commit this awful crime,

So this trial was a mockery, but nobody seemed to mind.

I saw the morning papers but I could not bear

To see the smiling brothers walkin' down the courthouse stairs.

For the jury found them innocent, the brothers they went free,

While Emmett's body floats the foam of a Jim Crow southern sea.

This song's just a reminder to remind your fellow man

That this kind of thing still lives today in that ghost-robed Ku Klux Klan.

But if all we folks who think alike, if we gave all we could give,

We can make this great land of ours a greater place to live.

## **Further On Up The Road**

**Bruce Springsteen** 

Am C
Where the road is dark and the seed is sown
Am C
Where the gun is cocked as the bullet's cold
Am G Am G
Where the miles are marked in the blood and the gold
F G Am
I'll meet you further on up the road

Got on my dead man's suit and my smilin' skull ring My lucky graveyard boots and a song to sing I got a song to sing to keep me out of the cold And I'll meet you further on up the road

Further on up the road further on up the road

C
E7

Where the way is dark and the night is cold

Am
G
Am
G
One sunny mornin' we'll rise I know

F
G
Am
And I'll meet you further on up the road}

Now I been out in the desert just doin' my time Searchin' through the dust lookin' for a sign If there's a light up ahead well brother I don't know But I got this fever burnin' in my soul

Further on up the road One sunny mornin' we'll rise I know And I'll meet you further on up the road

# **Freight Train**

Elizabeth Cotten Capo: 2

C G7
Freight train, freight train, goin' so fast,
G C
Freight train, freight train, goin' so fast
E7 F
Please don't tell what train I'm on,
C G7 C
So they won't know where I'm gone

When I'm dead and in my grave No more good times here I crave Place the stones at my head and feet And tell them all I've gone to sleep

When I die, oh bury me deep Down at the end of old Chestnut Street So I can hear old Number Nine As she comes rolling by

When I die, oh bury me deep Down at the end of old Chestnut Street Place the stones at my head and feet And tell them all I've gone to sleep

Freight train, freight train, run so fast Freight train, freight train, run so fast Please don't tell what train I'm on They won't know what route I'm going

# **The Shoals Of Herring**

Ewan MacColl

Now you're up on deck, you're a fisherman You can swear and show a manly bearing Take your turn on watch with the other fellows As you're hunting for the shoals of herring

Well I earned my keep and I paid my way And I earned the gear that I was wearing Sailed a million miles, caught ten million fish We were hunting after shoals of herring

A D A

Night and day the seas were daring

A D E

Come wind oh come more winter gale

A D A D E F#m

Sweating or cold, growing up, growing old, or dying

A D E A

As we dream about the shoals of herring

### 500 Miles

Hedy West Capo: 4

Not a shirt on my back, not a penny to my name And the land that I once loved is not my own Lord I'm one, Lord I'm two, Lord I'm three, Lord I'm four Lord I'm five hundred miles away from home

A hundred tanks along the square, one man stands and stops them there Some day soon the tide will turn and I'll be free I'll be free, I'll come home to my country Some day soon the tide will turn and I'll be free

If you miss the train I'm on, you will know that I am gone You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles

### **Harrisburg**

Josh Ritter Capo: 2

Am F C
Romero got married on the Fifth of July,
G
In our Lady of Immaculate Dawn.
Am F C
He could've got married in the revival man's tent,
G Am
There ain't no revivin' what's gone.

Slipped like a shadow from the family he made, In a little white house by the woods Dropped the kids at the mission with a rose for the virgin, She knew he was gone for good.

C G
Its a long way to heaven, its closer to Harrisburg,
F C G
But that's still a long way from the place where we are.
Am F C
And if evil exists, its a pair of train tracks,
G Am
And the devil's a railroad car.

Could have stayed somewhere but the train tracks kept going And it seems like they always left soon And the wolves that he ran with they moaned low and painful Sang sad misereres to the moon

Its a long way to heaven, its closer to Harrisburg, But that's still a long way from the place where we are. And if evil exists, its a pair of train tracks, And the devil's a railroad car.

Rose at the altar withered and wilted Romero sank into a dream He didn't make Heaven, he didn't make Harrisburg He died in a hole in between

Some say that man is the root of all evil Others say God's a drunkard for pain Me I believe that the Garden of Eden Was burned to make way for a train, for a train.

Its a long way to heaven, its closer to Harrisburg, But that's still a long way from the place where we are. And if evil exists, its a pair of train tracks, And the devil's a railroad car.

### **Louis Collins**

Mississippi John Hurt

C

G7 C
Miss Collins weeped, Miss Collins moaned,
F
To see her son Louis leavin' home
C F G C
The angels laid him away

The angels laid him away,

F
They laid him six feet under the clay

C F G C
The angels laid him away

Bob shot once and Louis shot too, Shot poor Collins, shot him through and through The angels laid him away

The angels laid him away, They laid him six feet under the clay The angels laid him away

Oh, kind friends, oh, ain't it hard? To see poor Louis in a new graveyard The angels laid him away

The angels laid him away, They laid him six feet under the clay The angels laid him away

Oh, when they heard that Louis was dead All the people they dressed in red The angels laid him away

The angels laid him away, They laid him six feet under the clay The angels laid him away

## **Jimmy**

Moriarty

Am C G F

Am C

Jimmy won't you please come home

G I

Where the grass is green and the buffaloes roam

Am C

Come see Jimmy your uncle Jim

G F

Your auntie Jimmie and your cousin Jim

Am C

Come home Jimmy because you need a bath

G F

And your grandpa Jimmy is still gone daft

Am C G Em E7

Now there's buffalo Jim and buffalo Jim
And Jim buffalo now didn't you know
Jim Jim Jimmy its your last cigarette
But there's buffalo piss and it's all kind of wet
Jambo Jimmy you'd better hold your nose
All roads lead to roam with the buffaloes

Am F G Am

And the Buffaloes used to say be proud of your name

G An

The Buffaloes used to say be what you are

G Am

The Buffaloes used to say roam where you roam

F G Am

The Buffaloes used to say do what you do

Well you've gotta have a wash but you can't clean your name You're now called Jimmy you'll be Jimmy just the same The keys are in a bag in a chest by the door One of Jimmy's friends has taken the floor Jimmy won't you please come home Where the grass is green and the buffaloes roam

Dear old Jimmy you've forgotten you're young

But you can't ignore the buffalo song

And the Buffaloes used to say be proud of your name

The Buffaloes used to say be what you are

The Buffaloes used to say roam where you roam

The Buffaloes used to say do what you do

If you remember you're unkown

Buffaloland will be your home

### Where Have All The Flowers Gone

Pete Seeger Capo: 5

G Em

Where have all the flowers gone?

C D

Long time passing

G Em

Where have all the flowers gone?

C D

Long time ago

G Em

Where have all the flowers gone?

C

Young girls picked them every one

C G

When will they ever learn?

C D G

When will they ever learn?

Where have all the young girls gone?

Long time passing

Where have all the young girls gone?

Long time ago

Where have all the young girls gone?

Gone for husbands every one

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?

Where have all the husbands gone?

Long time passing

Where have all the husbands gone?

Long time ago

Where have all the husbands gone?

Gone for soldiers every one

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?

Where have all the soldiers gone?

Long time passing

Where have all the soldiers gone?

Long time ago

Where have all the soldiers gone?

Gone to graveyards every one

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?

Where have all the graveyards gone?

Long time passing

Where have all the graveyards gone?

Long time ago

Where have all the graveyards gone?

Gone to flowers everyone

When will they ever learn?

When will they ever learn?

### **Dollar Bill Blues**

Townes Van Zandt Capo: 3

Am Dm If I had a dollar bill

٩m

Yes, I believe, I surely will

Em

Go to town and drink my fill

Em

Early in the morning

Little darling, she's a red-haired thing Man, she makes my legs to sing Going to buy her a diamond ring Early in the morning

It's a long way down the Harlan Road Busted back and a heavy load Won't get through to save my soul Early in the morning

I've always been a gambling man I've rolled them bones with either hand Seven is the promised land Early in the morning

Whiskey'd be my dying bed Tell me where to lay my head Not with me is all she said Early in the morning

If I had a dollar bill Yes, I believe, I surely will Go to town and drink my fill Early in the morning

### If I Needed You

Townes Van Zandt Capo: 4

G
If I needed you, would you come to me?

C
D
G
Would you come to me for to ease my pain?
G
If you needed me, I would come to you
C
D
G
I would swim the seas for to ease your pain

In the night forlorn, in the morning born And the morning shines with the lights of love You will miss sunrise if you close your eyes And that would break my heart in two

The lady's with me now since I showed her how To lay her lily hand in mine
Who would not agree, she's a sight to see
And a treasure for the poor to find

If I needed you, would you come to me? Would you come to me for to ease my pain?

## **Pancho And Lefty**

Townes Van Zandt

C
Living on the road my friend
G
Is gonna keep you free and clean
F
Now you wear your skin like iron
C
G
Your breath as hard as kerosene
F
Weren't your mama's only boy
C
F
But her favorite one it seems
Am
F
C
G
She began to cry when you said good - bye
F
Am
And sank into your dreams

Pancho was a bandit, boys, his
Horse was fast as polished steel
He wore his gun outside his pants
For all the honest world to see
Pancho met his match you know on the
Deserts down in Mexico
Nobody heard his dying words
But that's the way it goes

F
All the Federales say they
C
F
Could have had him any day
Am
F
C
They only let him slip away
F
Am
Out of kindness I suppose

Lefty he can't sing the blues
All night long like he used to
The dust that Pancho bit down south
Ended up in Lefty's mouth
The day they laid poor Pancho low
Lefty split for Ohio
Where he got the bread to go
There ain't nobody knows

All the Federales say they Could have had him any day They only let him slip away Out of kindness I suppose Poets tell how Pancho fell and
Lefty's living in a cheap hotel
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold,
And so the story ends we're told
Pancho needs your prayers it's true but
Save a few for Lefty too
He only did what he had to do
And now he's growing old

All the Federales say
Could have had him any day
We only let him slip away
Out of kindness I suppose
A few gray Federales say
Could have had him any day
We only only let him go so long
Out of of kindness I suppose

## **Waiting Around To Die**

Townes Van Zandt Capo: 4

Am Dn

Sometimes I don't know where this dirty road is taking me

Am E

Sometimes I don't even know the reason why

Am

I guess I'll keep a'gambling

Dm

Lots of booze and lots of rambling

Am E Am

It's easier than just a-waitin' around to die

Once I had a Ma, once I had a Pa

He hit her with a belt once 'cause she cried

She told him to take care of me

Headed back to Tennessee

It was easier 'n just waitin around to die.

I came of age and I met a girl in a Tuscaloosa bar She cleaned me out and hid it on the sly

I tried to kill the pain

I bought some wine and hopped a train

It was easier than just waiting around to die

My friend said he knew where some easy money was

We robbed a man and brother did we fly

The police caught up with me

Drug me back to muskogee

Now it's two long years of waiting around to die.

Now I'm out of prison I got me a friend at last

He don't drink, or cheat, or steal, or lie

His name's codeine

He's the finest thing I've seen

And together we're gonna wait around to die.

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## **Pretty Boy Floyd**

Woody Guthrie

E A E

If you gather 'rou-nd me, children, a story I will tell

A B7 E A

Bout Pretty Boy Floyd, the outlaw, Oklahoma knew him well.

It was in the to-wn of Shawnee it was Saturday afternoon, His wife beside him in his wagon, as into town they rode.

A deputy she-riff approached him in a manner rather rude, Using vulgar words of anger and his wife she overheard.

Pretty Boy grabbed a log chain and the deputy grabbed his gun, And in the fight that followed he laid that deputy down.

He took to the hi-lls and woodland to live a life of shame, Every crime in Oklahoma was added to his name.

There's many a sta-rving farmer the same old story told, How the outlaw paid their mortgage and saved their little home.

Others tell of a stranger come to beg a meal, And underneath his napkin left a thousand-dollar bill.

It was in Oklaho-ma City, it was on a Christmas Day, There came a whole carload of groceries with a note to say:

'You say that I'm an outlaw, you say that I'm a thief, Now here's a Christmas dinner for the families on relief.

Yes, as through this wo-rld I've rambled I've seen lots of funny men, Some rob you with a six gun and some with a fountain pen.

And as through your life you travel, wherever you may roam, You won't never see no outlaw drive a family from their home.

### Vigilante Man

Sammy Walker

Am Have you seen that vigilante man? Am/G Well, have you seen that vigilante man? Am/G Now, have you seen that vigilante man? I've heard his name all over this land. Am **E7** Tell me what is a vigilante man? Am/G F Tell me what is a vigilante man? Am/G Am Am Does he carry a club and a pistol in his hand? Am Is that a vigilante man? Am **E7** Rainy night down at the engine house, Am/G F Sleepin' just as warm as a mouse, Am Am/G Am Well, a man come around and he through us out in the rain. Was that your vigilante man? Am **E7** Preacher Casey was just a workin' man, Am/G F He said, "Unite all you working men." Am/G Well, they killed him in the river some strange man. **E7** Am Was that a vigilante man? **E7** Tell me what does a vigilante man? Am/G F Tell me what does a vigilante man? Am/G Carry that sawed-off shot-gun right down in his hand? Would he shoot his brother and sister down? Now, have you seen that vigilante man? Am/G Well, have you seen that vigilante man? Am/G Well, have you seen that vigilante man?

I've heard his name all over this land.



