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TRADITIONAL

Ain't No Grave

Traditional

There ain't no grave can hold my body down 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

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 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

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

Ain't no grave can hold my body down
There aint no grave can hold my body down

Barbara Allen

Traditional

A# Bb/A Gm
Twas in the merry month of May
D# F
When green buds all were swelling,
D# A# Bb/A Gm
Sweet William on his death bed lay
A# F A#
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.

Delia

Traditional

D/A

Delia was a gambling' girl,
G D/A G
Delia was a gambling' girl,
G
But she's laid her money down,
D/A A D/A
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

Oh fare thee well

Traditional

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

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

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

Hangman

Traditional

Bm

Oh slack your rope hangman slack it for a while

Think I saw my father coming riding many a mile

Oh father have you brought me hope

Bm

Or have you paid my fee

Bm G A Bm
Or have you come to see me hanging

G D F#7 Bm

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

G D
I have not brought you hope
G D
I have not paid your fee
E7/G# A F#7 Bm
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

Hang Me

Traditional

D
Hang me, oh, hang me, I'll be dead and gone
Bm
G
D
Hang me, oh, hang me, I'll be dead and gone
Bm
Wouldn't mind the hangin'
D
Bm
But, layin' in the grave so long, poor boy
A# A
D
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

House Carpenter

Traditional

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?

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

She picked up her own wee babe And kisses gave him three "Stay right here with my house carpenter And keep him good company" They had not been gone about two weeks I know 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 And not for any golden store I do weep for my own wee babe Who never I shall see no more

They had not been gone about three weeks I'm sure it was not four
When their gallant ship leaked and sank
Never to rise anymore

What hills, what hills are those, my love That rise 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

Bm D E G
There is a house in New Orleans
Bm D F#
They call the Rising Sun
Bm D E G
And it's been the ruin of many poor boys
Bm F# Bm F#7
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

F D# A# Cm C5 Cm C5

F Cm D# A# Cm C5 Cm C5

There were three men came out of the west

D# A# Cm C5 Cm C5

Their fortunes for to try

F Cm D# A# Cm C5 Cm C5

And these three men made a so lemn vow

F D# A# Cm C5 Cm C5

John Barleycorn must die .

D# Cm

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

D# F Gsus G Gsus G

Threw clods at Barley's head

Fm Cm D# A# Cm C5 Cm C5

And these three men made a so lemn vow

F D# A# Cm C5 Cm C5

John Barleycorn was dea d

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 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 has served him worse than that
For hygound him between two stones

And little Sir John and the nut-brown bowl And 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 so loudly blow his horn And the tinker can't mend kettle nor pot Without a little Barleycorn

John Henry

Traditional

Α

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

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

This old hammer it killed John Henry But it won't kill me, but it won't kill me This old hammer it killed John Henry

Take this hammer and carry it to my captain Tell him I'm gone, won't you tell him I'm gone Take this hammer and carry it to my captain

John Henry, he left his hammer Painted in red, all painted in red John Henry, he left his hammer

Lakes Of Pontchartrain

Traditional

C G It was one fine March morning G I bid New Orleans adieu. Am I was on the road to Jackson town, My fortune to renew, G C I cursed all foreign money, C G No credit could I gain, 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

C#m
When I first came to Louisville, my fortune there to find

A
E
G#m
C#m
I met a fair young maiden there, her beauty filled my mind

E
E/C
C#m
Her rosy cheek and ruby lips, they gave my heart no rest

A
E
G#m
C#m
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

Gm

Went out one night to take a look around F
I met little Sadie and I shot her down Dm F Dm F
Run back home and got to bed Dm F Gm
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

Cm

A holiday, a holiday

A# Cm

The first one of the year

Fm Cm

Lord Donald's wife came into church

Gm Cm

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

Bm G m a moonshiner G For seventeen long years Bm G And I spent all my money Bm G D On whiskey and beer Bm G And I go to some hollow Bm G D And set up my still Bm G D And if whiskey won't kill me Bm 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

A A7
And the whole world is a bottle
D G
And life is but a dram
Bm G D
When the bottle gets empty
Bm G D
Life ain't worth a damn

Omie Wise

Traditional

Bm A
Oh, listen to my story, I'll tell you no lies,
Bm F# Bm
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

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

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

E
I remember one September,
E
On one Friday night,
A
Stackerlee and Billy Lyon,
A
Had a great big fight,
A
E
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 walked up to Stackerlee, He was lying there asleep, 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

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

C#m G#7 C#m
It was down in old Joe's barroom

A E G#7

On the corner of the square.

C#m G#7 C#m F#7

They were serving the drinks as usual,

A G#7 C#m

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,

A B E G#7

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

Am I

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

G

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

F

The reason why I never could tell,

i Aı

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

C Am
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

G#m

I am a poor wayfaring stranger

C#m G#n

Travelling through this world below

G#m

There is no sickness, no toil nor danger

C#m G#r

In that bright land to where I go

E E

I'm going there to see my Father

E D#7

I'm going there no more to roam

G#m

I'm only going over Jordan

C#m D#7 E D#7 G#m

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

C#m D#7 E D#7 G#m

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

BOOTHILL SOCIETY

Cowboy Man

Boothill Society

Bm Bm G Bring me my cowboy, tell him I'm waiting Or else my heart will go insane 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 Bm When our hearts and herds were split in two Bm G Bm And ever since the day he rode off F#

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

I am waiting for my cowboy man

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

With his cattle he keeps trekking From California to Ohio And the sand of endless valleys F# 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 I am waiting for my cowboy Waiting for my cowboy

F# C Bm

Waiting for my cowboy man

Flying Shoes

Boothill Society

Mile by mile I walked this road

D

Mile by mile I have been told

G

You have to wait for her

G

D

Bm

You have to wait till she's back again

A6

Bring me my flying shoes

G

A

D

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

D G
Hand me my bag I gotta go
D A
Hand me my bag]open up the door
D G
Hand me my bag I gotta go
D A D
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

Good bye honey, so long

Good bye honey, so long

He Was A Friend

Boothill Society

B D#7 G#m E

B E/B B
He was a friend, he was a friend
B E/B B
He was a friend, he was a friend
B E/B B
One day the sheriff he shot him dead
B E/B B
One day the sheriff put a bullet in his head
D#7 G#m E
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

B E B D#7 G#m E

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

E
For ten years I've been rambling

A
E
From town to town I go
E
For ten years I've been rambling
F#7
B
B7
Now I'm rambling home
E
And I'm calling out your name

G#m C#m And I'm knocking at your door

And I'm knocking at your door

F#m B A E

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

Bm

My bunch of wild boys

Always on the run

Never get caught

They're never too far

Bm When there's a bank to rob

F#7 G Bm 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

Bm Bm

There is an unwritten law

Bm

Says "Leave them where they die"

Cause everybody in town knows

F#7 Bm

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

He soon a hole in his head

There is an unwritten law

Says "Leave them where they die"

Cause everybody in town knows

The boothill's about to overflow

What if they never get caught?

The sheriff cries

F#7

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

D

What if they never get caught?

The reverend cries

F#7

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

D

What if they never get caught?

Em

The widow she cries

F#7

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

D

What if they never get caught?

Everyone cries

F#7 Bm

"O Lord"

Α D Α D F#7 Bm F#7 Bm G# G F#7 Bm

The priest of the town

The worst greedy bunch he had ever met

Oh Johnny

Boothill Society

С

G

The rivers they carry

F C

A lot of stories

G

And Johnny oh Johnny

C

Tell them to me

Am

All the rivers are floating

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Towards the sea

G F

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

G F

But Johnny stay here with me

But Johnny stay here with me

One Day

Boothill Society

C#m

One day, I'm gonna shoot you down

F#7 C#m

One day, I'm gonna shoot you down

F#7

Cause you've been out here too long

G#

C#m

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

A G# C#m

When you're gone, gone, gone

A G# C#m

When you're gone, gone, gone

B G#7

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

D

There's always one too many car

G

D

And one too many train

D

One too many aircraft

Α7

One too many lane

G

There's one too many factory

Bm

GAD

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

Bm F# Bm

And it's a shame, oh it's a shame

D A

That nothing seems to change

Bm F#

Oh what a shame, oh what a shame

D A D G A Bm G A D

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
G A Bm G A D
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

D A
I met a girl in Colorado
Bm F#7
Daughter of a desperado
G D
Stole my heart and let me loose
G A D
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

G Bm

And the day she let me loose
G A D

Was the day I found the blues
G Bm

And the day she let me loose
G A D

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

I met a girl from the West

Bm F#7

They really are the best

G D A A7

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