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