Americana Songbook

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Ain't No Use In Trying Artist: Trampled By Turtles Key: F Book: Americana (Tag) | **G F** | **C** | 4x 1. Well I got years of livin', by and how I choose. I ain't never been a gambler cause I's always bound to lose. My buddy's they drink liquor, sometimes I go along. I got a girl who don't like that at all! **ch.** Well, you know I wouldn't fight, if these guys wouldn't shove me. Now I can't go home because my baby she don't love me. There ain't no use in tryin' anymore. (Tag x2) 2. Well last week or so, I woke up in a cell. I don't know how I got there but my head it hurt like hell. The guards already knew my name before I came inside, I got a girl who don't like that at all! (Chorus) (Solo over Tag) 3. Well some guy downtown, he come pushing me around. So I let one loose I left that feller lying on the ground. The police were waitin' for me, as I came runnin' out. I got a girl who don't like that at all!

(Chorus x2)

All Along the Watchtower

Artist: Bob Dylan; Jimi Hendrix

Key: C#m

Book: Electric, Americana

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(Bob Dylan - C#m)
|| C#m / B / | A / / B | C#m / B / | A / / B ||
(Jimi Hendrix - Cm)
(note JH changed the last line of the first verse)
|| Cm / Bb / | Ab / / Bb | Cm / Bb / | Ab / / Bb ||
(Dave Matthews Band - Am)
|| Am / G / | F / / G | Am / G / | F / / G ||
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Verse 1 "There must be some kind of way out of here," said the joker to the thief, "There's too much confusion, I can't get no relief.

Businessmen, they drink my wine, plowmen dig my earth,
None of them along the line know what any of it is worth.

JH: None will level on the line, nobody offered his word."

(Solos)

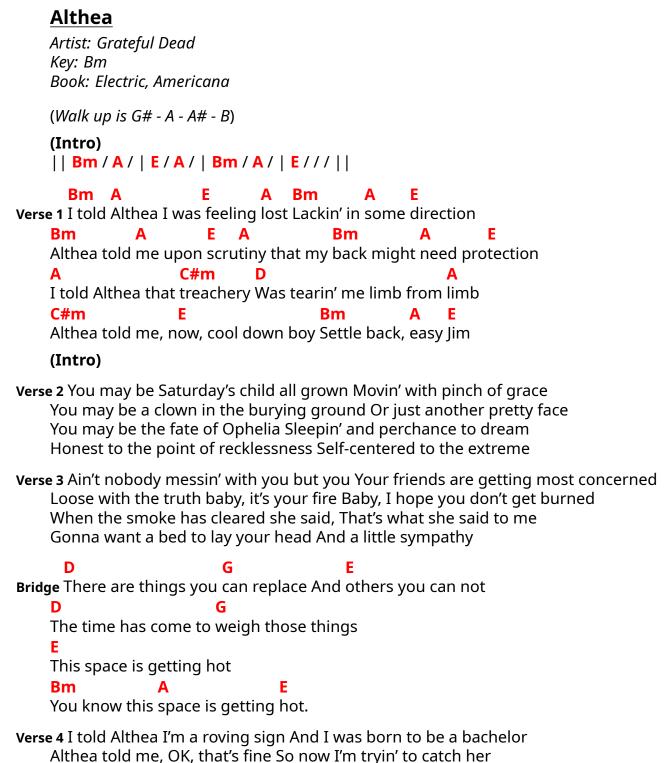
Verse 2 "No reason to get excited," the thief, he kindly spoke,

"There are many here among us who feel that life is but a joke.

But you and I, we've been through that, and this is not our fate,
So let us not talk falsely now, the hour is getting late."

(Solos)

Verse 3 All along the watchtower, princes kept the view
While all the women came and went, barefoot servants, too.
Outside in the cold distance a wildcat did growl,
Two riders were approaching, and the wind began to howl. Yeah, Yeah.



Can't talk to you without talkin' to me We're guilty of the same old thing Thinkin' a lot about less and less And forgetting the love we bring

Amelia Earhart Artist: Country Gentlemen Key: G Book: Americana, Bluegrass 1. An airship out o-'er the ocean, just a speck against the sky, Amelia Earhart flying out that day **A7** With her partner, Captain Noonan, on the second of July Her plane fell into the ocean, far away. ch. There's a beautiful, beautiful field In a land far away that is fair. Happy landings to you, Amelia Earhart Farewell, first lady of the sky. (Solo over Verse Chords only) 2. About half an hour later an SOS went out, The signal weak, but still her voice was brave. In shark infested waters her plane went down that night In the blue Pacific, to her watery grave. 3. Now you have heard my story of this awful tragedy We prayed that she might fly home safe again For in years to come there're others... blaze a trail across the sea We'll never forget Amelia and her plane

Angel From Montgomery Artist: John Prine Key: D Book: Americana 1. I am an old woman named after my mother. My old man is another child that's grown old. If dreams were lightning and thunder were desire this old house would've burnt down a long time ago. **ch.** Make me an angel that flies from Montgomery. Make me a poster of an old rodeo. Just give me one thing that I can hold on to. **G D GDGD** To believe in this living is just a hard way to go. 2. When I was a young girl I had me a cowboy, He wa'rn't much to look at, just a free ramblin' man. But that was a long time, and no matter how I try, the years just flow by like a broken-down dam. **ch.** Make me an angel that flies from Montgomery. Make me a poster of an old rodeo. Just give me one thing that I can hold on to. G D GDGD To believe in this living is just a hard way to go. 3. There's flies in the kitchen, I can hear all their buzzin' but I ain't done nothin' since I woke up today. But how the hell can a person go to work in the morning

come home in the evenin' and have nothin' to say?

D C G D

Ch. Make me an angel that flies from Montgomery.

C G D

Make me a poster of an old rodeo.

C G D

Just give me one thing that I can hold on to.

G A D G D GDGD

To believe in this living is just a hard way to go.

Baby What You Want Me To Do

Artist: Jimmy Reed

Key: E

Book: Americana, Electric

(Slow 12 Bar Blues Shuffle)

E

1. You got me running, got me hiding,

E7

You got me run, hide, hide, run anywhere you want me,

Е

let it roll..yeah, yeah, let it roll.

B

You got me doing what you want, babe,

Α

E B7

baby, what you want me to do? _ _

- 2. Going up, going down, going up, down, down, up, anyway you want me, let it roll..yeah, yeah, yeah, let it roll. You got me doing what you want me, baby, what you want me to do?
- 3. You got me peeping, got me hiding.
 You got me peep, hide, hide, peep, anywhere you want me, let it roll..yeah, yeah, yeah..let it roll.
 You got me doing what you want me, now, baby, what you want to do?

Before You Accuse Me Artist: Eric Clapton; Bo Diddley Key: E Book: Americana, Electric (tempo: 110) (composer: Bo Diddley) (number: 1957) (E 12 Bar Blues) || E7 | A7 | E7 | E7 || || A7 | A7 | E7 | E7 || || B7 | A7 | E7 | B7 || **ch.** Before you accuse me, take a look at yourself Before you accuse me, take a look at yourself You say I'm spending my money on other women **A7** You takin' money from from someone else. 1. I called your mama, 'bout three or four nights ago **A7** I called your mama, 'bout three or four nights ago **B7** Well you're mamma said son "Don't you call my daughter no more!" (Chorus, Solo over E 12 Bar Blues) **E7** 2. Come back home baby, try my love one more time come back home baby, try my love one more time **B7** You know when things don't go to suit you I think I'll lose my mind.

(Chorus, Solo over E 12 Bar Blues)

Bertha Artist: Grateful Dead Key: G Book: Electric, Americana (Chord Riff:) (this is the "heart" of the song) || **G** / **G** / | **C G** / / || 1. I had a hard run, runnin' from your window (Chord Riff x2) I was all night runnin', runnin', Lord I wonder if you care (Chord Riff x2) I had a run in, run around and run down (Chord Riff x2) Run around the corner, corner, Lord I run smack into a tree (Chord Riff x2) **ch**. I had to move, , really had to move That's why if you please, I am on my bended knees Bertha don't you come around here anymore (Chord Riff x2) 2. Dressed myself in green, I went down unto the sea (Chord Riff x2) Try to see what's goin' down, try to read between the lines (Chord Riff x2) I had a feelin' I was fallin', fallin, I turned around to see (Chord Riff x2) Heard a voice a callin', you were comin' after me (Chord Riff x2) (Chorus) (Solo: Verse Chords -> Chorus Chords) 3. Ran into a rainstorm, I ducked back into a bar door (Chord Riff x2) It's all night pourin', pourin', Lord but not a drop on me (Chord Riff x2) Test me, test me, test me, why don't you arrest me (Chord Riff x2) Throw me into the jail house, Lord until the sun goes down (Chord Riff x2) (Chorus)

(Outro: Repeat Anymore + Chorus Riff x3)

Black Peter Artist: Grateful Dead Key: A Book: Americana, Electric (Intro: Groove on A7) **D7** 1. All of my friends come to... see me last night, I was layin' in my bed and dyin'. Bm Annie Bonneau from St. Angel **D7 A7** Em say the... weather down here so fine..... **D7** 2. Just then the wind came... squallin' through the door, But who can the weather command? Just want to have a little peace to die And a friend or two I love at hand.... **A7 D7** 3. Fever roll up... to a... hundred and five, Roll Roll on up, gonna roll back down. Bm A F#m G One more day I find myself alive, **A7** Tomorrow maybe go beneath the ground.... C Bridge See here how everything lead up to this day, And it's just like any other day that's ever been. Sun comin' up and then the sun goin' down. **D7** Shine through my window and my friends they come around, Fmai7 A7 Come around, come around....

A7 D7

4. The people might know, but the people don't care,

That a man can be as poor as me.

Bm A G F#m

Take a look at poor Peter, he's ly... ing in pain,

D7 D7

Now let's go run and see, run and see. (run and see)

(end on D7)

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Blaze On
    Artist: Phish
    Key: C
    Book: Electric, Americana
1. Climb that hill, Stay on your feet
    Scramble for your footing when it gets to steep
    You're on the highway now, With higher hopes
    While all around are rolling eggs with living yokes
    You never get too sad, you never get too blue
    It must be all the chemtrails raining down on you
    The justice of the peace, can't help you anymore
    and they just took the covers off the justice of war
ch. you got your nice shades on, and the worst days are gone
    so now the band plays on, you've got one life, blaze on (twice)
    (Solo)
    FCGC
    FCGC
2. the storm is passing through, lay down your sticks and stones
    the struggles over now, we're all just flesh and bones
    we were wrong before, it was wrong to trust
    the shadows cast, we're only light and dust
    and then one day you'll find, to your intense delight
    That three wrong turns can really make a right
    so why not be like me, be proud of all your crimes
    cause when I screw up once, I do it 2 more times
ch. you got your nice shades on, and the worst days are gone
    so now the band plays on, you've got one life, blaze on (twice)
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F
Bridge and we'll be dancing in the fields, running through the moor

G
C
Trippin on the barbwire, buried near the shore
F
C
blazing like a comet, that's brighter than a full moon
G
so you better get ready, cause a change is coming soon
F
C
I met a liar, called the messiah
G
C
I got the frying pan, I wanted fire
F
C
I saw a red dress, I met a daughter
G
I got the quicksand, I prayed for water
C
C
Ch. you got your nice shades on, and the worst days are gone
G
so now the band plays on, you've got one life, blaze on (twice)

Bb
C
Outro (slide up) blaze on x3

Blue Sky Artist: Allman Brothers Band Key: E Book: Americana, Electric (Intro) | E A | A E | | E A | A E | | ED | AE | **B7** 1. Walk along the river, sweet lullaby **B7** It just keeps on flowing It don't worry 'bout where it's going, no, neh. You're my blue sky, (Verse Tag, A on 2&) | E | B7 A | **B7 2.** Don't fly, mister blue bird, I'm just walking down the road **B7** Early morning sunshine tell me all I need to know (Chorus Tag) | E | A | ch. You're my blue sky, you're my sunny day Lord, you know it makes me high when you turn your love my way Turn your love my way yeah

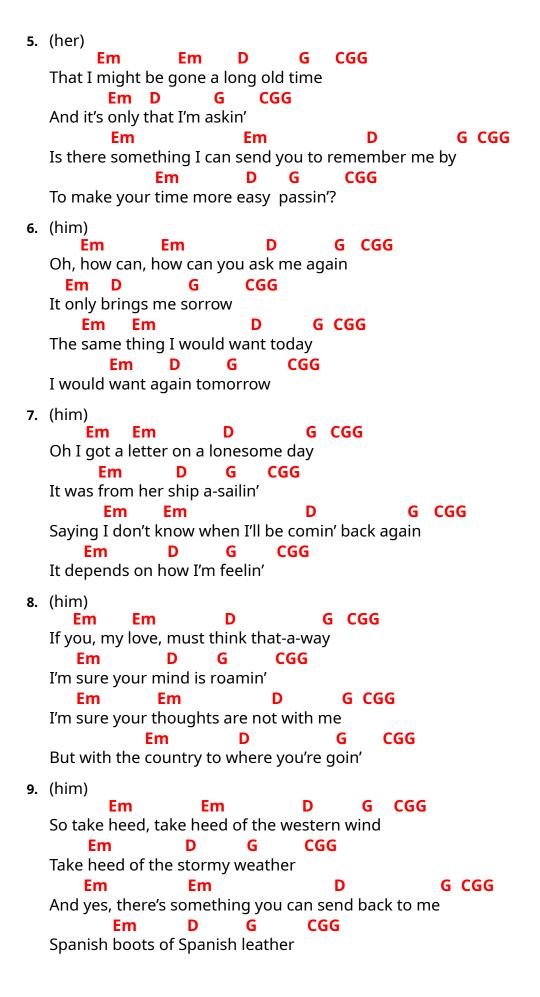
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B7
3. Good old Sunday morning,
   bells are ringing everywhere
               B7
  Goin to Carolina,
  it won't be long and I'll be there
  (Chorus Tag)
   | E | A |
  you're my sunny day
  B7
  Lord, you know it makes me high
  when you turn your love my way
  Turn your love my way yeah
  (Outro)
   | EA | AE |
   | E A | A E |
   | E D | A E |
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(Solo) | E | A |

(Solo Outro Tag) (B on 1&, E on 2&) | E | A B E E |

Boots of Spanish Leather Artist: Bob Dylan; Watchhouse Key: G Book: Americana (Intro) GC GD GC GG **1.** (her) Em G CGG D Oh I'm sailin' away my own true love I'm sailin' away in the morning G CGG Is there something I can send you from across the sea G From the place that I'll be landing? 2. (him) G CGG Em No, there's nothin' you can send me, my own true love CGG There's nothin' I wish to be ownin' CGG Just carry yourself back to me unspoiled **CGG** From across that lonesome ocean **3.** (her) CGG Em Oh, but I just thought you might want something fine Em D G Made of silver or of golden Em D G CGG Either from the mountains of Madrid Or from the coast of Barcelona **4.** (him) Em Em CGG Oh, but if I had the stars from the darkest night And the diamonds from the deepest ocean G CGG Em I'd forsake them all for your sweet kiss Em

For that's all I'm wishin' to be ownin'



Bouncing around the Room Artist: Phish Key: D Book: Electric, Americana (Intro) (D - bass groove) 1. The woman was a dream I had Though rather hard to keep for when my eyes were watching hers They closed, And I was still asleep. For when my hand was holding hers She whispered words and I awoke And faintly bouncing around the room The echo of whomever spoke I awoke... and faintly bouncing around the room The echo of whomever spoke. 2. The place I saw was far beneath The surface of the sea My sight was poor, but I was sure The sirens sang their songs for me They dance above me as I sink I see them through a crystal haze And hear them bouncing round the room The never ending coral maze

The crystal haze

Bringing In The Georgia Mail Artist: Flatt & Scruggs Key: G Book: Bluegrass, Americana (Sam Bush Key of A) 1. See the engine puffing, boy she's making time That old train's wearing out the rail, rail, rail Heading for the mountain that she's got to climb Bringing in the Georgia Mail 2. Ninety miles an hour and she's gaining speed Listen to the whistle moan and wail, wail, wail Has she got the power, I'll say yes indeed Bringing in the Georgia Mail 3. See the driver's travel, Watch her on the tracks Ought to put that engineer in jail, jail, jail Has he got her rolling. Watch her ball the jack Bringing in the Georgia Mail **4.** Rocking and a reeling, Spouting off the steam Stoke the fire and hope the brakes don't fail, fail, fail Serving all the people, Listen to her scream

Bringing in the Georgia Mail

Brown Eyed Women Artist: Grateful Dead Key: E Book: Electric, Americana (Intro) | C#m /// | E /// | A /// | A / | E /// | % | 1. Gone are the days when the ox fall down, You take up the yoke and plow the fields around. Gone are the days when the ladies said, "Please, Gentle Jack Jones won't you come to me." **ch.** Brown-eyed women and red grenadine, The bottle was dusty but the liquor was clean. Sound of the thunder with the rain pourin' down, F#m And it looks like the old man's... gettin' on. 2. 1920 when he stepped to the bar, Drank to the dregs of the whiskey jar. C#m 1930 when the wall caved in, He paid his way selling red-eyed gin. (Chorus + Solo over Verse) 3. Delilah Jones was the mother of twins, Two times over and the rest were sins. Raised eight boys, only I turned bad, Didn't get the lickin's that the other ones had.

(Chorus)

Bridge Tumble down shack in Big Foot county. Snowed so hard that the roof caved in. C#m Delilah Jones went to meet her God, And the old man never was the same again. C#m 4. Daddy made whiskey and he made it well. Cost two dollars and it burned like hell. I cut hick'ry just to fire the still, Drink down a bottle and be ready to kill. ch. Brown-eyed women and red grenadine, The bottle was dusty but the liquor was clean. Sound of the thunder with the rain pourin' down, And it looks like the old man's... gettin' on. (Solo) (Repeat Verse 1 - Quiet)

(Chorus - Full + Tag Last LIne)

California Sober

Artist: Billy Strings featuring Willie Nelson Key: G Book: Bluegrass, Americana 1. Well, I used to like to ramble with my good-time friends and neighbors Now I find I'd rather lie awake in bed. And I don't get to actin' mean when I keep my buzzes clean And keep the hard stuff and the whiskey from my head. Well, I guess that's just the trouble when you're always seein' double And the lines are gettin' twice as hard to see. I've had years I don't recall, but I'm told I had a ball At least somebody did who looked a lot like me. **ch**. So I'm California sober as they say And lately I can't find no other way I can't stay out and party like I did back in the day So I'm California sober as they say 2. Well, I heard out in the hills, they got pills to get their thrills And they love their liquor down in New Orleans. Maybe for a New York minute, sugarcane will fit the bill But in no time flat, you're out of what you need. The old crew don't get together anymore these days much ever After some went straight and some went straight to jail. Now they're busy postin' vids and just tryin' to raise their kids Instead of raisin' holy hell and postin' bail. (Chorus)

Outro I was California sober 'til I thought the world was over Now I'm sittin' on the roadside once again. When that wagon passes by, I don't even bat an eye Because the devil on my shoulder always wins. When that ol' wagon passes by, I don't even bat an eye Because the devil on my shoulder always wins.

California Stars

Artist: Billy Bragg

Key: A

Book: Americana

(Tag)

AEDA

1. I'd like to rest my heavy head tonight

Е

On a bed of California stars

D

I'd like to lay my weary bones tonight

Α

On a bed of California stars

2. I'd love to feel your hand touching mine

Ε

And tell me why I must keep working on

D

Yes I'd give my life to lay my head tonight

A

On a bed of California stars

(Tag)

3. I'd like to dream my troubles all away

E

On a bed of California stars

D

Jump up from my star bed make another day

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Underneath my California stars

4. They hang like grapes on vines that shine

E

And warm a lover's glass like a friendly wine

D

So I'd give this world to dream a dream with you

Α

On our bed of California stars

(Tag)

5. I'd like to rest my heavy head tonight

E

On a bed of California stars

D

I'd like to lay my weary bones tonight

Δ

On a bed of California stars

6. I'd love to feel your hand touching mine

E
And tell me why I must keep working on
D
Yes I'd give my life to lay my head tonight
A
On a bed of California stars

(Tag)

7. I'd like to dream my troubles all away

E

On a bed of California stars

D

Jump up from my star bed make another day

Α

Underneath my California stars

8. They hang like grapes on vines that shine

And warm a lover's glass like a friendly wine

D

So I'd give this world to dream a dream with you

A

On our bed of California stars

(Tag)

F

9. Dream a dream with you

D

So I'd give my life to lay my head to night

Α

On a bed of California stars.

(Tag)

Call Me the Breeze

Artist: JJ Cale

Key: A

Book: Electric, Americana

(12 Bar Shuffle Blues)

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|| A7 | A7 | A7 | A7 ||
|| D7 | D7 | A7 | A7 ||
|| E7 | D7 | A7 | A7 ||
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(Intro)

A7

A7

1. Call me the breeze

I keep blowin' down the road

D7

Well now they call me the breeze

A7

I keep blowin' down the road

E7

I ain't got me nobody

D7

Α7

I don't carry me no load

2. Ain't no change in the weather
Ain't no changes in me
Well there ain't no change in the weather
Ain't no changes in me
And I ain't hidin' from nobody
Ain't nobody hidin' from me

(Solo over 12-bar)

- I got that green light baby
 I got to keep movin' on
 I got that green light baby
 I got to keep movin' on
 I might go out to California
 Might go down to Georgia
 I don't know
- 4. Well now they call me the breeze I keep blowin' down the road Well now they call me the breeze I keep blowin' down the road I ain't got me nobody I don't carry me no load

(12 bar cycle then end)

Can't Let Go Artist: Lucinda Williams Key: G Book: Americana (Intro (Chorus Chords - 12 Bar Blues x2)) | **G** | % | % | % | | C | % | G | % | | D | C | G | % | 1. Told you baby, one more time, don't make me sit all alone and cry **D7** Well it's over I know it but I can't let go **G7** I'm like a fish out of water, A cat in a tree, You don't even want to talk to me Well it's over I know it but I can't let go **G7 ch**. He won't take me back when I come around Says he's sorry then he pulls me out I got a big chain around my neck And I'm broken down like a train wreck **D7 C7** Well it's over I know it but I can't let go 2. See I got a candle and it burns so bright, In my window every night **D7** Well it's over I know but I can't let go **G7** You don't like to see me standing around, feel like I been shot and didn't fall down **D7** Well it's over I know it but I can't let go **G7 ch**. He won't take me back when I come around **G7** Says he's sorry then he pulls me out I got a big chain around my neck And I'm broken down like a train wreck **D7 C7** Well it's over I know it but I can't let go (Solo over Chorus (12 Bar Blues)) 26 Jump to Songs TOC | Jump to Artists TOC

G7
3. Turn off trouble like you turn off a light, Went off and left me it just ain't right D7 C7 G7
Well it's over I know it but I can't let go G7
Rounds every corner something I see, Bring me right back how it used to be D7 C7 G7

Well it's over I know it but I can't let go

G7

ch. He won't take me back when I come around

G7

Says he's sorry then he pulls me out

C7

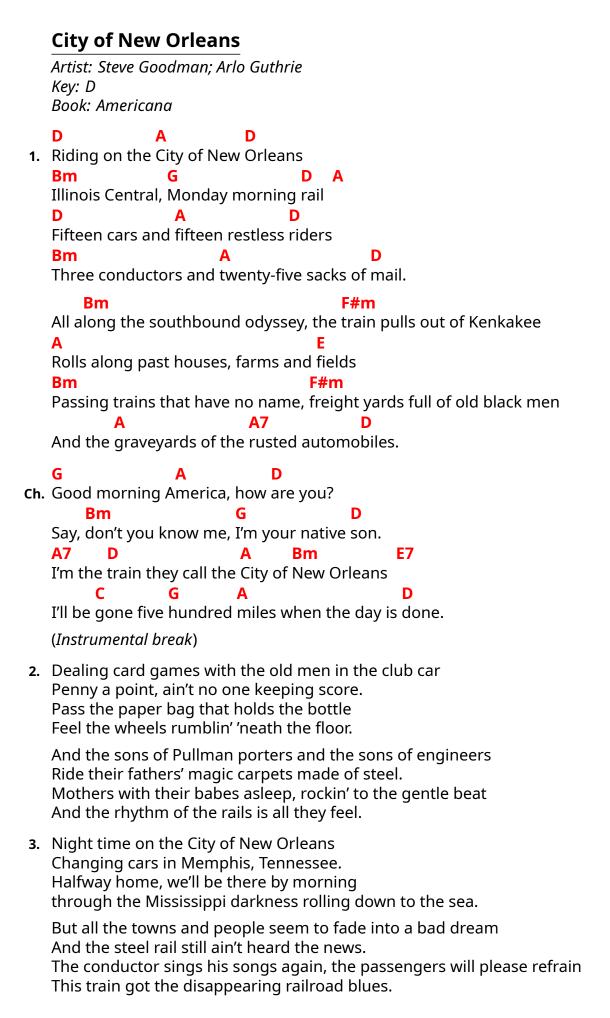
I got a big chain around my neck

G7

And I'm broken down like a train wreck

D7 C7 G7

Well it's over I know it but I can't let go (x2 tag last line)



Clay Pigeons Artist: Blaze Foley; John Prine Key: G Book: Americana (Blaze Foley in Gb / John Prime is Bb) 1. I'm goin' down to the Greyhound Station, gonna buy a ticket to ride Gonna find that lady with two or three kids and sit down by her side Ride 'til the sun comes up and down around me 'bout two or three times Smokin' cigarettes in the last seat try and hide my sorrow from the people I meet **2.** And get along with it all Go down where the people say "y'all".. Sing a song with a friend Change the shape that I'm in, And get back in the game, And start playin' again 3. I'd like to stay but I might have to go to start over again Might go back down to Texas, might go to somewhere that I've never been And get up in the mornin' and go out at night And I won't have to go home Get used to bein' alone Change the words to this song C G DG Start singin' again

(Repeat Verse Chord)

4. Im tired of runnin round lookin for answers to questions that I already know I could build me a castle of memories just to have somewhere to go Count the days and the nights that it takes to get back in the saddle again Feed the pigeons some clay Turn the night into day Start talkin' again, when I know what to say (Repeat Verse Chord) 5. I'm goin' down to the Greyhound Station, gonna buy a ticket to ride Gonna find that lady with two or three kids and sit down by her side Ride 'til the sun comes up and down around me 'bout two or three times Smokin' cigarettes in the last seat try and hide my sorrow from the people I meet And get along with it all 6. Go down where the people say "y'all"... Feed the pigeons some clay Turn the night into day G D G Start talkin' again, when I know what to say (Repeat Verse Chord)

Columbus Stockade Blues - Major Artist: Bill Monroe; Doc Watson Key: G Book: Americana, Bluegrass (Bill Monroe played in G; Doc Watson played in Cm, see minor version.) 1. Way down in Columbus Georgia Lord I'm wishing I was back in Tennessee Way down in that old Columbus Stockade My friends all have turned their backs on me. **ch.** Go and leave me if you wish to Never let me cross your mind__ " In your heart you love another **D7** Leave me, little darling, I don't mind 2. Many a night with you I've rambled Honey, countless hours with you I've spent Thought I had your sweet love and your little heart forever And now I find it was only lent.

- **3.** Last night as I lay sleeping I am dreaming that I am lying in your arms When I awaken I was mistaken Lord, I was still right here behind these bars

Outro Lord I've got the walking blues.

Columbus Stockade Blues - Minor

Artist: Doc Watson

Key: Cm

Book: Americana, Bluegrass

(Guitar, Suggest Capo 3, Am shapes 1 = Am, 4 = Dm, 5 = E/E7)

Cm

1. Way down in Columbus Georgia

G7

Cm

Lord I'm wishing I was back in Tennessee

Cm

Way down in that old Columbus Stockade

G7 Cm

My friends all have turned their backs on me.

Fm Cm

ch. Go and leave me if you wish to

Fm G7

Never let me cross your mind_

Cm

In your heart you love another

G7 Cm

Leave me, little darling, I don't mind.

(Instrumental breaks over verse and chorus)

- 2. Many a night with you I've rambled Honey, countless hours with you I've spent Thought I had your sweet love and your little heart forever And now I find it was only lent.
- 3. Last night as I lay sleeping
 I am dreaming that I am lying in your arms
 When I awaken I was mistaken
 Lord, I was still right here behind these bars

G7 Cm

Outro Lord I've got the walking blues.

Crawdad Song

Artist: Doc Watson; Traditional

Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

(Key for Doc Watson most in D, but "Songs for LIttle Pickers" is E)

G

ch. You get a line and I'll get a pole, honey

D7

You get a line and I'll get a pole, babe

G

You get a line and I'll get a pole

C

We'll go down to the crawdad hole

G

G

Honey, baby, mine

- Sittin on the bank till my feet got cold, honey Sittin on the bank till my feet got cold, babe Sittin on the bank till my feet got cold Watching those Crawdad jumping down a hole (Honey, baby, mine)
- 2. Yonder come a man with a sack on his back, honey Yonder come a man with a sack on his back, babe Yonder come a man with a sack on his back Packin all the crawdads he can pack (Honey, baby, mine)
- 3. The man fell down and he broke that sack, honey The man fell down and he broke that sack, babe The man fell down and he broke that sack See those crawdads crawling back Honey, baby, mine.
- 4. What you goin' do when the sun goes dry, honey What you goin' do when the sun goes dry, babe What you goin' do when the sun goes dry Sit on the bank and watch the crawdads die Honey, baby, mine
- 5. What did the hen duck say to the drake, honey What did the hen duck say to the drake, babe What did the hen duck say to the drake Ain't no Crawdads in the lake Honey, baby, mine

Cripple Creek

Artist: Flatt & Scruggs; Traditional Key: G Book: Bluegrass, Americana (Flatt & Scruggs played it as an instrumental but the song with lyrics was around in the early 1900s) **1.** I got a gal at the head of the creek goin up to see her bout the middle of the week kiss her on the mouth just as sweet as wine wraps herself around me like a sweet potato vine ch. Goin' up Cripple Creek goin' in a run Goin' up Cripple Creek to have some fun. Goin' up cripple creek goin in a whirl Goin' up Cripple Creek, see my girl 2. I got a girl and she loves me She's as sweet as sweet can be She's got eyes of baby blue Makes my gun shoot straight and true. (Chorus) 3. Cripple Creek's wide and Cripple Creek's deep I'll wade old Cripple Creek before I sleep Roll my breeches to my knees I'll wade ol' Cripple Creek when I please (Chorus) **4.** I went down to Cripple Creek To see what them girls had to eat I got drunk and fell against the wall Old corn likker was the cause of it all (Chorus) **5.** girls up cripple creek bout half grown jump on a man like a dog on a bone Roll my breeches to my knees

(Chorus)

I'll wade ol' Cripple Creek when I please

Dark Hollow

Artist: Grateful Dead; Del & Dawg; Seldom Scene Key: A Book: Bluegrass, Americana, Electric 1. I'd rather be in some dark hollow Where the sun don't ever shine Than to be at home alone just knowing that you're gone Would cause me to lose my mind. ch. So blow your whistle freight train,

Take me far on down the track.

I'm going away, I'm leaving today,

I'm going, but I ain't coming back.

2. I'd rather be in some dark hollow Where the sun don't ever shine Than to be in some big city In a small room with her on my mind.

Dead Flowers Artist: Townes Van Zandt; Rolling Stones Key: C Book: Americana (composer: Mick Jagger, Keith Richards) (number: 1970) (Intro - C G F C 2x) **1.** Well, when you're sitting there In your silk upholstered chair Talking to some rich folks that you know Well I hope you won't see me In my ragged company You know I could never be alone ch. Take me down little susie, take me down I know you think you're the queen of the underground And you can send me dead flowers every morning Send me dead flowers by the mail Send me dead flowers to my wedding And I won't forget to put roses on your grave 2. Well, when you're sitting back In your rose pink cadillac C Making bets on kentucky derby day I'll be in my basement room With a needle and a spoon

And another girl to take my pain away

C

ch. Take me down little susie, take me down I know you think you're the queen of the underground And you can send me dead flowers every morning Send me dead flowers by the mail Send me dead flowers to my wedding And I won't forget to put roses on your grave (Solos: C G F C) **ch.** Take me down little susie, take me down I know you think you're the queen of the underground And you can send me dead flowers every morning Send me dead flowers by the mail Send me dead flowers to my wedding C And I won't forget to put roses on your grave And I won't forget to put roses on your grave



Deep Elem Blues

Artist: Traditional

Key: E

Book: Americana, Electric

(Based on Jerry Garcia Acoustic Band) (Order of the Verses is up to the singer)

1. If You Go Down To Deep Elem

Put Your Money In Your Shoes

The Women In Deep Elem

Got them Deep Elem Blues

ch. Oh, sweet Mama,

Your Daddy's Got Them Deep Elem Blues

Oh, sweet Mama,

Your Daddy's Got Them Deep Elem Blues 6. When you go down to Deep Elem

2. Once I knew a preacher,

preached the Bible through-and-through

Went down to Deep Elem,

now his preachin' days are through

3. When you go down to Deep Elem

Put your money in your socks

The redheads in Deep Elem

They'll put you on the rocks

4. When You Go Down To Deep Elem

To Have A Little Fun,

Have Your Ten Dollars Ready

When the Police Man Comes

5. Once I Had A Girlfriend,

She Meant The World To Me

She Went Down To Deep Elem,

Now She Ain't What She Used To Be

Put your money in your pants

Cause the women in Deep Elem

They don't give a man a chance

Down in the Valley to Pray

Artist: Doc Watson Key: Em Book: Americana (Intro) **3.** As I went down in the valley to pray | **G** | Studyin' about that good old way 1. As I went down in the valley to pray And who shall wear the stary crown Studyin' about that good old way Good Lord, show me the way And who shall wear the stary crown Oh brothers let's go down Good Lord, show me the way Let's go down come on down Oh fathers let's go down Come on brothers and let's go down Let's go down come on down Down in the valley to pray Oh fathers let's go down **4.** As I went down in the valley to pray Down in the valley to pray Studyin' about that good old way **2.** As I went down in the valley to pray And who shall wear the robe and crown Studyin' about that good old way Good Lord, show me the way And who shall wear the robe and crown Come on sinners and let's go down Good Lord, show me the way Let's go down oh, come on down Oh mothers let's go down Come on sinners and let's go down Come on down don't you wanna go down Down in the valley to pray Come on mothers and let's go down **5.** As I went down in the valley to pray Down in the valley to pray Studyin' about that good old way

And who shall wear the stary crown

Good Lord, show me the way

Drink Up And Go Home Artist: Garcia/Grisman; Jimmy Martin Key: A Book: Americana, Bluegrass (time: 6/8) (composer: Johnny Bond and Joe Maphis) (number: 1962) (3rd line, add walk From A G# F# E) (Intro) || D | E | A D | A || 1. (You sat there a) crying... crying in your beer You say you got troubles my friend listen here (Don't tell me your) troubles I got enough of my own Be thankful you're living drink up and go home ... (Solo) D D E _ E | D | D | A _ | A | | D | E | A D | A | **2.** (I'm fresh out of) prison six years in the can Lost my wife and family no one to call friend (Don't tell me your) troubles I got enough of my own (Be thankful you're) living drink up and go home... (Solo) 3. (Now there stands a) blind man a man that can't see Yet he's not complaining why should you or me (Don't tell me your) troubles I got enough of my own (Be thankful you're) living... drink up and go home

(Be thankful you're) living... drink up and go home

Drinkin' Dark Whiskey

Artist: SteelDrivers

Key: A

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

(composer: Chris Stapleton; Michael Henderson)

(number: 2003)

Α

ch. Drinkin dark whiskey, tellin' white lies

Ε

One leads to another on a Saturday night

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Don't you cross your heart unless you hope to die

Drinkin dark whiskey, tellin' white lies

A

1. The first drop burns but the second one goes down smooth

And then that ol' black label gets a hold of you

It'll loosen your tongue but it don't ever tell the truth

- 2. When the bottle 's talkin be careful what he might say He talks in the dark like he never would in the day Then he gets in trouble just as soon as he gets his way (*Chorus*)
- 3. A little white lie don't mean anyone no good When it's makin the rounds all over the neighborhood Next thing you know you're all misunderstood (chorus)

Farmhouse

Artist: Phish Key: C

Book: Electric, Americana

(Chorus of "No Woman, No Cry") (can be added during ending chord cycle)

(Intro)

| C | G | Am | F |

C G Am

1. Welcome this is a farmhouse

F C

we have cluster flies alas

G C G

And this time of year... is bad

C G Am We are so very sorry,

F (

there is little we can do...

G C G

But swat them

Am G/B

2. She didn't beg... oh, not enough

C F

She didn't stay when things got tough

C/E G

I told Alie and she got mad

Am G/B C

She wasn't there when things got bad

C (

Ch. I never ever saw the northern lights

Am F

I never really heard of cluster flies

C (

Never ever saw the stars so bright

Am F

In the farmhouse things will be alright (x2)

(Solo)

| C | G | Am | F |

Am G/B

3. Woke this morning to the stinging lash

. F

Every man rise from the ash

C/E G

Each betrayal begins with trust

m G (

Every man returns to dust

(Chorus)

(Solo)

C G Am F
Outro Welcome this is a Farmhouse

C G Am F Welcome this is a Farmhouse_

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Farther Up The Road (Blues)

Artist: Bobby Blue Bland; Joe Bonamasaa;

Key: G

Book: Electric, Americana

(Tabbed off Bobby Blue Bland version) (12 Bar Shuffle Blues)

|| G7 | G7 | G7 | G7 || || C7 | C7 | G7 | G7 || || D7 | C7 | G7 | G7 ||

(Intro)

|| G7 | C7 | G7 | D7 | C7 | G7 | G7 ||

G7

ch. Further on up the road

Someone's gonna hurt you like you hurt me.

C7

Further on up the road

G7

Someone's gonna hurt you like you hurt me.

D7

Further on up the road

C7 G7

Baby, just you wait and see.

G7

1. You gotta reap just what you sow That old saying is true.

C7

You gotta reap just what you sow

G7

That old saying is true.

D7

Like you mistreat someone

C7 G7

Someone's gonna mistreat you.

G7

2. Now You laughing, pretty baby Someday you're gonna be crying.

C7

Now You laughing, pretty baby

G7

Someday you're gonna be crying.

D7

Further on up the road

`7 G

You'll find out I wasn't lying.

(Solo over 12 bar cycle)

G7

3. Further on up the road When your all alone and blue

C7

Further on up the road

G7

When your all alone and blue

D7

You gonna ask me to take you back.

C7 G

But I'll have somebody new.

(Full 12 bar cycle then end)

Feathered Indians

Artist: Tyler Childers

Key: G

Book: Americana

(The C can be replaced with Cadd9)

(Tag)

| G | D | C | C | x2

G

1. Well my buckle makes impressions

D

On the inside of her thigh

C

There are little feathered Indians Where we tussled through the night

If I'd known she was religious

D

Then I wouldn't have came stoned

C

To the house of such an angel Too eff-ed up to get back home

(Solo over Tag)

G

2. Lookin' over West Virginia

D

Smoking Spirits on the roof

C

She asked ain't anybody told ya That them things are bad for you

G

I said many folks have warned me

D

There's been several people try

C

But up till now, there ain't been nothing That I couldn't leave behind

ch. Hold me close my dear

D (

Sing your whispering song

Softly in my ear

And I will sing along

Em D C

Honey tell me how your love runs true

n D

And how I can always count on you

D

To be there when the bullets fly

N/C N/C N/

I'd run across the river just to hold

G

you tonight

(Solo over Tag)

G

3. Well my heart is sweating bullets

D

From the circles it has raced

C

Like a little feathered indian Callin' out the clouds for rain

G

I'd go runnin' through the thicket

D

I'd go careless through the thorns

C

Just to hold her for a minute Though it'd leave me wanting more

(Chorus)

Fireball Mail

Artist: Roy Acuff; Flatt & Scruggs

Key: G

Book: Americana, Bluegrass

G

1. Here she comes look at her roll

D

There she goes eatin' that coal

G

Watch her fly huggin' the rails

D

G

Let her by, by, by it's the fireball mail

- 2. Let her go look at her steam hear her blow whistle and scream Like a hound waggin' his tail Dallas bound, bound, bound it's the fireball mail
- 3. Engineer makin' up time
 Tracks are clear look at her climb
 See that freight clearin' the rail
 Bet she's late, late, late it's the fireball mail
- **4.** Watch her swerve look at her sway Get that curve out of the way Watch her fly look at her sail let her by by by it's the fireball mail

Folsom Prison Blues Artist: Johnny Cash Key: E Book: Americana, Electric (12 Bar Blues in E) (Cash recording in F) (Capo 1 use E Shapes to play with recording) (Intro - picked notes) **B** _ **B** _ **D#** _ **D#** _ **B** _ **G#** (bend) _ **E** 1. I hear the train a comin', it's rollin' round the bend and I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when I'm stuck in Folsom Prison and time keeps draggin' on But that train keeps a rollin' on down to San Antone 2. When I was just a baby my Mama told me "Son always be a good boy; don't ever play with guns". But I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die When I hear that whistle blowin' I hang my head and cry E 3. I bet there's rich folks eating from a fancy dining car They're probably drinking coffee and smokin' big cigars Well, I know I had it comin', I know I can't be free But those people keep a movin' and that's what tortures me 4. Well, if they freed me from this prison, if that railroad train was mine

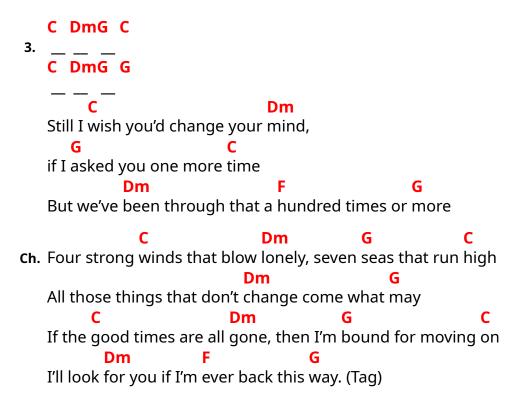
I bet I'd move it on a little farther down the line

Far from Folsom Prison, that's where I want to stay

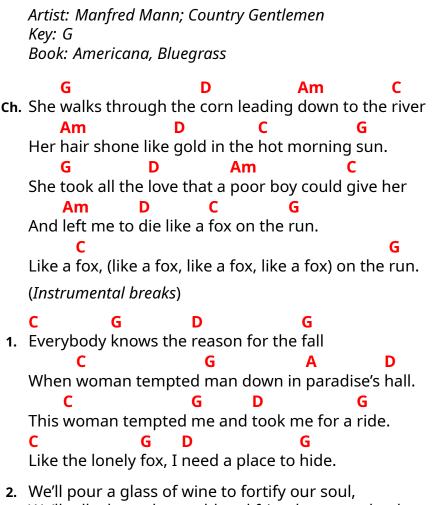
And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away

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	Four Strong Winds	
	Artist: Neil Young Key: C	
Book: Americana		
	(Intro) C Dm G C (2x)	
1.	C Dm G C Think I'll go out to Alberta, weather's good there in the fall Dm G	
	I got some friends that I can go to working for C Dm	
	Still I wish you'd change your mind,	
	if I asked you one more time Dm F G	
	But we've been through this a hundred times or more	
Ch.	C Dm G C Four strong winds that blow lonely, seven seas that run high Dm G	
	All those things that don't change come what may C Dm G C	
	If the good times are all gone, then I'm bound for moving on Dm F G I'll look for you if I'm ever back this way.	
2.	C Dm G C If I get there before the snow flies, and if things are looking good Dm G	
	You could meet me if I sent you down the fare	
	But by then it would be winter, not too much for you to do Dm F G	
	And those winds sure can blow cold way out there	
Ch.	C Dm G C Four strong winds that blow lonely, seven seas that run high Dm G	
	All those things that don't change come what may C Dm G C	
	If the good times are all gone, so I'm bound for moving on	
	I'll look for you if I'm ever back this way.	



Fox on the Run



We'll pour a glass of wine to fortify our soul, We'll talk about the world and friends we used to know. I see a string of girls who have put me on the floor, The game is nearly over, the hounds are at my door.

(composer: Tony Hazzard)

(number: 1968)

Franklin's Tower

Artist: Grateful Dead

Key: A

Book: Electric, Americana

(This song is the same chord pattern all the way through)

(Chord Progression)

| A / / G | D / / G | | A / / G | D / / G |

A G D G

1. In another times forgotten space

A G D (
Your eyes looked up from your mother's face

Wildflower seed on the sand and stone

wildriower seed on the sand and stone

May the four winds blow you safely home

A G D G

ch. Roll Away the Dew x4

(Solo)

- 2. I'll tell you where the four winds dwell
 In Franklin's tower there hangs a bell
 It can ring, turn night to day
 It can ring like fire when you lose your way
 (Chorus, Solo)
- 3. God save the child that rings that bell May have one good ring baby, you can't tell One watch by night, one watch by day If you get confused, listen to the music play (Chorus, Solo)
- 4. Some come to laugh their past away
 Some come to make it just one more day
 Whichever way your pleasure tends
 If you plant ice, you're gonna harvest wind
 (Chorus, Solo)
- 5. In Franklin's tower the four winds sleep Like four lean hounds, the lighthouse keep Wildflower seed on the sand and wind May the four winds blow you home again (Chorus, Solo)

Outro Roll Away the Dew You better roll Away the Dew

Friend of the Devil Artist: Grateful Dead Key: G Book: Americana, Electric (G Major Scale walk down 4 times) (Solo over Verse + Chorus) 1. I lit out from Reno, I was trailed by twenty hounds Didn't get to sleep last night 'till the morning came around **ch**. Set out runnin' but I take my time A friend of the devil is a friend of mine If I get home before daylight, I just might get some sleep tonight. 2. Ran into the devil, babe, he loaned me twenty bills I spent the night in Utah in a cave up in the hills. (Chorus) 3. I ran down to the levee but the devil caught me there He took my twenty dollar bill and vanished in the air. (Chorus) Bridge Got two reasons why I cry away each lonely night, The first one's named Sweet Anne Marie, and she's my heart's delight. The second one is prison, babe, the sheriff's on my trail, And if he catches up with me, I'll spend my life in jail. 4. Got a wife in Chino, babe, and one in Cherokee The first one says she's got my child, but it don't look like me.

Further On (Up The Road) Artist: Bruce Springsteen; Johnny Cash Key: Am Book: Americana (Tabbed from Johnny Cash Version) (Tag) (Tag) Am | **Am** | % _ | **C** _ | % _ | **3.** Now I've been out in the desert | Am | E7 | Am | N.C. | Just doin' my time 1. Where the road is dark Searchin' through the dust And the seed is sowed Lookin' for a sign Where the gun is cocked If there's a light up ahead G As the bullet's cold Well, brother I don't know _ _ Where the miles are marked _ _ But I've got this fever burning in my soul In the blood and the gold _ _ Am NC **ch.** Further on up the road, Further on up the road I'll meet you further on up the road Further on up the road, Further on up the road 2. Got on my dead man suit One sunny mornin' _ _ Am And my smilin' skull ring We'll rise I know _ _ My lucky graveyard boots And I'll meet you further on up the road And a song to sing (Outro) G Am G Am G Am I got a song to sing_ _ That keeps me out of the cold _ _ I'll meet you further on up the road **ch.** Further on up the road, Further on up the road Where the way is dark, And the night is cold One sunny mornin'_ We'll rise I know _ _ Am NC I'll meet you further on up the road

Give Me One Reason Artist: Tracy Chapman Key: E Book: Electric, Americana (Intro) **E A B7 E B7 E7E** ch. Give me one reason to stay here, and I'll turn right back around Give me one reason to stay here, and I'll turn right back around Because I don't want leave you lonely **E7E** But you got to make me change my mind **E7E** 1. Baby I got your number, and I know that you got mine **E7E** But you know that I called you, I called too many times You can call me baby you can call me anytime But you got to call me (Chorus) 2. I don't want no one to squeeze me - they might take away my life I don't want no one to squeeze me - they might take away my life I just want someone to hold me and rock me through the night (Interlude over the 12 Bars) **E7E** 3. This youthful heart can love you, and give you what you need This youthful heart can love you, and give you what you need But I'm too old to go chasing you around Wasting my precious energy (Chorus) **B7 E7E** 4. Baby just give me one reason - Give me just one reason why **A7** Baby just give me one reason - Give me just one reason why I should stay Said I told you that I lo E7AA7E And there ain't no more to say

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God's Gonna Cut You Down

Artist: Johnny Cash

Key: Am

Book: Americana

(also known as "Run On (For a Long Time)) (American V recording, Bbm so Capo 1)

(Intro)

Am

ch. You can run on for a long time,

Dsus2 Am

Run on for a long time,

Am

Run on for a long time,

C Dsus2 Em Am Sooner or later, God'll cut you down.

C Dsus2 Em Am Sooner or later, God'll ... cut you down.

Am

Go Tell that long tongued liar,

Dsus2 Am

Go Tell that midnight rider,

Am

Tell the Rambler, the Gambler, the Backbiter,

C Dsus2 Em Am
Tell them that God's gonna cut em down.

C Dsus2 Em Am

Tell them that God's gonna ... cut em down.

Am

1. Well my goodness gracious let me tell you the news.

Dsus2 Am

My heads been wet with the midnight dew.

Am

I've been down on bended knee,

Dsus2 Am

talkin' to the man from Galilee.

Am

He spoke to me in a voice so sweet,

Dsus2 Am

I thought I heard the shuffle of angels' feet.

Δm

He called my name and my heart stood still,

Dsus2*

When He said "John go do my will"...

(Chorus Repeat (flip section order to match recording))

~!!!

2. You may throw your rock, hide your hand,

Osus2 Ai

workin' in the dark against your fellow man.

Am

But as sure as God made black and white,

Dsus2 Am

What's done in the dark, will be brought to the light.

(Chorus Repeat - both sections are "cut you down")

	Goin Down the Road Feeling Bad	
	Artist: Traditional; Doc Watson; Grateful Dead Key: E	
	Book: Electric, Americana, Bluegrass	
	(Song also called "Lonesome Road Blues")	E Goin where the chilly winds don't blow
Ch	E Goin' down the road feelin' bad	A E
CII.	A E	Goin where the chilly winds don't blow A E C#
	Goin' down the road feelin' bad	Goin where the chilly winds don't blow-oh-ow
	A E C#m Goin' down the road feelin' bad, bad, bad	E B E Don't wanna be treated this a way
	E B E	Don't wanna be treated this a way
	Don't Wanna be treated this a way	
1.	Goin' where the water tastes like wine	
	A E	
	Well I goin' where the water tastes like wine A E C#m	
	Goin' where the water tastes like wi-hi-ine,	
	I don't Wanna be treated this a way	
	E	
2.	Goin' where the climate suits my clothes	
	I'm goin' where the climate suits my clothes	
	A E C#n	
	Goin' where the climate suits my clo-oh-othe E B E	25
	Don't wanna be treated this a way	
_	E Those two dellar shoes burt my feet	
5.	These two dollar shoes hurt my feet A E	
	These two dollar shoes hurt my feet A E C#m	
	These two dollar shoes hurt my fe-ee-et	
	E B E Don't wanna he treated this a way	
	Don't wanna be treated this a way	
4.	They feed me on cornbread and beans.	
	A E They feed me on combread and beans	
	They feed me on cornbread and beans A E C#m	
	They feed me on cornbread and be-ee-ans	
	Don't wanna be treated this a way	

Going To California Artist: Led Zeppelin Key: D Book: Americana (composer: Jimmy Page, Robert Plant) (number: 1971) (option: Drop D tuning (detune low E string to D) (Intro: plays D for 8 bars) 1. Spent my days with a woman unkind, Smoked my stuff and drank all my wine. Made up my mind to make a new start, Going to California with an aching in my heart. Someone told me theres a girl out there With love in her eyes and flowers in her hair. (Instrumental) | F | G | D | D | | F | G | D | D | (Hang on D until singing starts) 2. Took my chances on a big jet plane, Never let them tell you that they're all the same. The sea was red and the sky was grey, Wondered how tomorrow could ever follow today. The mountains and the canyons started to tremble and shake As the children of the sun began to awake. Bridge Seems that the wrath of the gods Got a punch on the nose and it started to flow; I think I might be sinking. Dm Throw me a line if I reach it in time Ill meet you up there where the path Runs straight and high.

(Hang on D until singing starts)

G

3. To find a queen without a king;

D

They say she plays guitar and cries as she sings.

G

Ride a white mare in the footsteps of dawn

n

Trying to find a woman whose never, never, never been born.

G

Standing on a hill in my mountain of dreams,

D

Telling myself it's not as hard, hard, hard as it seems.

(Outro)

| F | G | D | D | | F | G | D | D |

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Gotta Jibboo Artist: Phish Key: E Book: Electric, Americana (Tag) | E D | x4 1. Momma sing sing thatcha gotta jibboo. Papa sing gotta jibboo Momma sing sing thatcha gotta jibboo. Papa sing gotta jibboo, too... Momma sing sing thatcha gotta jibboo. Papa sing gotta jibboo Momma sing sing thatcha gotta jibboo. Gotta jibboo and keep on drinking.... Е D too..... whoo D ____ (x4) (Repeat Verse) (sing with descending notes of E, D, C#, B) ch. Gotta Jibboo Gotta Jibboo

Gotta Jibboo Gotta Jibboo x4

(Rising Rift (OPTIONAL))

(Solo ver Tag)

| A Bm _ Cm _ D | | E F#m _G _ _G# | | E _____ D ___ |

Graveyard Shift Artist: Steve Earle; The Del McCoury Band Key: G Book: Americana, Bluegrass (Tag) GG | D | G | **G7** 1. Work the graveyard shift, stay up all night long _ _ Work the graveyard shift, stay up all night long Wake up someday, find your good gal gone 2. Said if you don't treat your baby right _ _ Said if you don't treat your baby right She'll come see me... some lonely night **ch.** (ring) When the sun goes down and the moon is gone That's when I come around, don't you think I won't On the graveyard shift, stay up all night long Wake up someday and find your good gal gone 3. I drive a Cadillac, it rides just like a dream _ _ Drive a Cadillac, it rides just like a dream All the pretty gals, they want to ride with me **G7 4.** 'Cause I got what all the women want _ _ Said I got what all the women want

I never say I do when I really don't

Handle With Care

Artist: Traveling Wilburys

Key: D

Book: Americana

(*Intro* | | *D* | *C* | *G* | *G* | | 2*x*)

1. Been beat up and battered around

Been sent up, and I've been shot down

You're the best thing that I've ever found

D

Handle me with care.

2. Reputation's changeable,

Situation's tolerable

Em

But baby, you're adorable

Handle me with care.

G+ C

Br. I'm so tired of being lonely,

G+ C

I still have some love to give

Won't you show me that you really care?

ch. Everybody's got somebody to lean on

Put your body next to mine and dream on.

3. I've been fobbed off, and I've been fooled I've been robbed and ridiculed In day care centers and night schools

D

Handle me with care.

(Guitar Solo: D C G G 2x)

4. Been stuck in airports, terrorized Sent to meetings, hypnotized Overexposed, commercialized

Handle me with care.

(repeat Bridge, Chorus)

5. I've been uptight and made a mess But I'll clean it up myself, I guess Oh, the sweet smell of success

Handle me with care.

(Outro over chords from a verse. Fade on repeat.)

(G+ (augmented) is a G chord with a D#.) (number: 1988)

Handsome Molly

Artist: Traditional

Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

G D

1. Well I wish was in London Or some other seaport town

Step my foot on a steamboat And sail the ocean round

G

ch. Sailing round the ocean Sailing round the sea

I'd think of Handsome Molly Wherever she might be

- 2. Her hair as black as a Raven's Her eyes were black as coal Her teeth shown like lilies Out in the morning cold
- **3.** I went to church last Sunday... She passed me on by I knew her heart was changing By the roving of her eye
- **4.** Don't you remember Molly When you give me your right hand You said if you ever married I would be your man
- **5.** Now you've broke your promise Go marry whom you please My heart is broken 'Til I get some ease
- **6.** I go down to the river, through everyone{s asleep I think of handsome Molly and I begin to weep

Hear the Willow Cry

Artist: SteelDrivers

Key: A

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

(composer: Chris Stapleton; Liz Hengber)

(Play breaks over chorus)

F#m C#7

ch. won't you bury me beneath the tree

where my family lies where my family lies

F#m C#7

let the fog lay low on the mountain high

F#r

hear the willow cry hear the willow cry

D A

1. ain't no redemption for the thing that i have done

E Bn

the devil owns you once the bullet's left the gun

D A

all i can think of with this rope around my neck

Bm C#7

is i'd be much obliged if you grant me one request

(Chorus)

2. my soul turned black as coal when i walked the streets that night 'cause in my heart i knew that something wasn't right and i went crazy when i found her with that man but i felt better once the blood was on my hands

(Chorus)

Hey Joe

Artist: Jimmy Hendrix

Key: E

Book: Americana, Electric

(Groove is consistent through the entire song, sit in pocket, follow singer!))

C G D A

1. Hey Joe.... _ _ where you goin' with that gun in your hand?

C G D A E

Hey Joe.... _ _ I said where you goin' with that gun in your hand,

C G D

I'm goin' down to shoot my old lady... _

You know I caught her messin' 'round with another man, yeah.

C G D

I'm goin' down to shoot my old lady... _

You know I caught her messin' 'round with another man

Ε

Huh! And that ain't too cool.

- 2. Ah hey Joe, I heard you shot your woman down, You shot her down now, A hey Joe, I heard you shot your old lady down, You shot her down in the ground, Yeah" Yes, I did, I shot her, You know I caught her messin' 'round, messin' 'round town, Uh, yes I did, I shot her. You know I caught my old lady messin' 'round town, And I gave her the gun, I shot her.
- Alright, shoot her one more time again baby! Yeah! Dig it. Oh, alright.
- 4. Hey Joe... Where you gonna run to now, where you gonna run to? Hey Joe, I said.... Where you gonna run to now, where you gonna go? I'm goin' way down south, Way down to Mexico way. I'm goin' way down south, Way down where I can be free, Ain't no one gonna find me.
- **5.** Ain't no hangman gonna,... He ain't gonna put a rope around me, you better believe it right now, I gotta go now Hey Joe, You better run on down Goodbye everybody. Ow!

Hotel California

Artist: Eagles Key: Am

Book: Electric, Americana

(*Intro: verse 2x*)

Am

1. On a dark desert highway

Cool wind in my hair

Warm smell of a colitas

Rising up through the air.

Up a head in the distance,

I saw shimmering light

I had to stop for the night.

- 2. There she stood in the door way I heard the mission bell I was thinking to myself This could be heaven or this could be hell. 6. Last thing I remember Then she lit up a candle And she showed me the way There were voices down the corridor I thought I heard them say:
- ch. Welcome to the Hotel California.

Such a lovely place, such a lovely face.

Plenty of the room at the Hotel California **F7**

Dm

Any time of year, you can find it here.

3. Her mind is Tiffany-twisted She got the Mercedes Benz She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys That she calls friends. How they danced in the courtyard Sweet summer sweat Some dance to remember Some dance to forget.

- 4. So I called up the Captain, "Please bring me my wine." He said, "We haven't had that spirit here Since 1969." And still those voices are calling From faraway Wake you up in the middle of the night Just to hear them say:
- ch. Welcome to the Hotel California. Such a lovely place, such a lovely face. They're living it up at the Hotel California What a nice surprise, bring your alibis.
- **5.** Mirrors on the ceiling Pink champagne on ice, and she said, My head grew heavy and my sight grew dim "We are all just prisoners here Of our own device." And in the master's chambers They gathered for the feast They stab it with their steely knives But they just can't kill the beast.
 - I was running for the door I had to find the passage back To the place I was before. "Relax", said the night man, "We are programmed to receive. You can check out any time you like, But you can never leave."

(quitar leads repeats over verse 4x then fade.)

(The recorded version is in Bm) (composer: Glenn Frye, Don Felder, Don Henley) (number: 1976)

I Am A Pilgrim Artist: Doc Watson; Bill Monroe Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

1. I am a pilgrim and a stranger

D Traveling through this wearisome land

I've got a home booked in that yonder city, good Lord

And it's not, made by hand

2. I got a mother, a sister and a brother

D they've done gone onto that other shore

And I'm determined to go and see them, good Lord

And live up there for ever more

3. When I go down to the river of Jordan Just to 'bathe my weary soul

If I can but touch the hem of His garment, good Lord

Then I believe he'll make me whole

4. I am a pilgrim and a stranger

Traveling through this wearisome land

I've got a home booked in that yonder city, good Lord

And it's not, made by hand

I Know You Rider Artist: Grateful Dead Key: D Book: Electric, Americana (Intro) D D 1. I know you rider gonna miss me when I'm gone I know you rider gonna miss me when I'm gone Gonna miss your baby from rolling in your arms 2. Lay down last night, Lord, I could not take my rest Lay down last night, Lord, I'could not take my rest My mind was wandering like the wild geese in the west 3. The sun will shine in my back door some-day The sun will shine in my back door some-day March winds will blow all my trou-bles a-way **4.** I wish I was a headlight, on a North-bound train I wish I was a headlight, on a North-bound train I'd shine my light though the cool Colo-ra-do rain 5. I'd rather drink muddy water, sleep in a hollow log I'd rather drink muddy water, sleep in a hollow log Than stay here in Frisco and get treated like a dog 6. I know you rider gonna miss me when I'm gone I know you rider gonna miss me when I'm gone Gonna miss your baby from rolling in your arms Outro:

Gonna miss your baby from rolling in your arms

C

F CG D

I Saw the Light

Artist: Hank Williams; Bill Monroe

Key: G

Book: Americana, Bluegrass

G

ch. I saw the light I saw the light

C

No more darkness no more night

G

Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight

G

)

Praise the Lord I saw the light.

G

1. I wandered so aimless my heart filled with sin.

I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.

G

Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.

G D G

Praise the Lord I saw the light.

- Just like a blind man I wandered along.
 Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
 Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight Praise the Lord I saw the light.
- 3. I was a fool to wander and stray.
 Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
 Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
 Praise the Lord I saw the light.

(composer: Hank Williams)

(number: 1947)

If You Can't Be Good Be Gone

Artist: SteelDrivers

Key: A

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

(composer: Chris Stapleton; Michael Henderson)

Α

ch. If you can't be good, be gone

Е

Don't take my love where it don't belong

A

7

You got no right to do me wrong

Α

If you can't be good, be gone

Α

1. You say one thing and mean another

Ε

But now it's all coming back on you

A A7

D

I trusted your lies for the last time

Α

What makes you do the things you do

(Chorus)

2. If you don't love me darling
I don't know what you want me for
Take the ring off of your finger
It don't mean nothing anymore

(Chorus)

I'll Fly Away

Artist: Traditional; Gospel

Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

G

1. Some bright morning when this life is over,

I' - Il... fly a - way.

G

To that home on God's celestial shore,

G D G

I' - II... fly a- way.

G

ch. I'll fly away oh glory,

 C

I'll fly a -way, (in the morning),

G

When I die Halle - lujah by and by,

G G D (

I' - II ... fly a - way.

2. When the shadows of this life have gone,

I' - II... fly a - way.

Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly,

I' - II... fly a - way.

3. Oh how glad and happy when we meet,

I' - II... fly a - way.

No more cold iron shackles on my feet,

I' - Il... fly a - way.

4. Just a few more weary days and then,

I' - II... fly a - way.

To a land where joys will never end,

I' - II... fly a - way.

In the Pines

Artist: Bill Monroe

Key: E

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

E #

1. The longest train that I ever saw

E B7 E

Went down that Georgia line.

Ε

A E

The engine passed at six o'clock

B7 E

(And) the cab passed by at nine.

E **E7**

ch. In the pines, in the pines

Where the sun never shines

And you shiver when the cold wind blows.

2. I asked my Captain for the time of day He said he throwed his watch away. A long steel rail and a short cross tie I'm on my way back home.

(Chorus)

- 3. Little girl, little girl, what have I done That makes you treat me so? You have caused me to weep, and you cause me to mourn, You have caused me to leave my home.
 (Chorus)
- **4.** If I listened to what my Mama said, then I would not be here today. Well the same old train that bought me here, will soon take me away.

(Chorus)

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Jersey Giant
   Artist: Tyler Childers; Elle King
    Key: G
    Book: Americana, Bluegrass
    (Elle King version capo 3)
                                                 (Tag)
    (Tag)
    | G | D | Am | C |
                                                 I remember all them winters
                                                  Drinking Woodford till we drowned
   I remember all them summers
                                                  We'd get wind about a party
     Playing till my fingers bled
                                                  Bundle up and go to town
    You'd sing the songs and I'd sing with you
                                                  Never worry 'bout the police
    We'd get drunk and go to bed
                                                  Never worried much at all
     Looking back at all them memories
                                                  I miss those nights of reckless glory
     Lord I hate to sleep alone
                                                  I'd come back if you'd just call
     But if you ever get the notion
                                                 (Chorus + Tag)
     That you need me let me know
                                             Bridge I left town when we were over
ch. Cause it's just 2 hours to get there, babe
                                                  Cause it didn't feel the same
   I can make it back about an hour or so
                                                  Every backroad had a memory
                                                 Am
    Hold you close against my skin
                                                  Every memory held your name
    I need a little warmth on a night so cold
                                                 (Chorus (palm mute/No Chords/Full) + Tag)
    Singing songs you used to sing
    The one about the lady in the long black veil
    Should have seen the warnings signs
    But Lord I love to hear you wail
    High and lonesome, hard and strong
    Even if it was a little out of tune
    Hotter than socks on a Jersey giant
    Lord I thought you hung the moon
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John Hardy

Artist: Traditional; Tony Rice; Doc Watson; Shadowgrass; Carter Family; Flatt & Scruggs

Key: G

Book: Americana, Bluegrass

(Alternate Title: John Hardy Was a Desperate Little Man) (song modeled after Tony Rice version)

(Intro)

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| C | G | C | G |
| C | G | D | D |
| D | G |
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C

1. Oh, John Hardy was a desperate little man,

He strapped on his guns every day.

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He shot down a man on the West Virginia line,

And you oughta seen John Hardy getting away.

And you oughta seen John Hardy getting away.

- 2. When he run up to Virginia around East Stone Bridge Thought he would surely be free And along came a marshall with a gun in his hand Said, "Johnny... come along with me Johnny... come along with me."
- 3. Oh, John Hardy had himself a little woman
 The dress she wore was blue
 And she hollered up to Johnny as he rode on out of town
 Said: Johnny, I'll be true to you
 Honey, I'll be true to you
- 4. Now his legend had traveled from the East to the West From the North to the South in the town But when the sun comes up tomorrow they'll take John Hardy down And show him to his hanging ground They'll gonna let John Hardy swing down

(Optional Repeat 1st Verse to close out the song)

Knockin' on Your Screen Door Artist: John Prine Key: G Book: Americana (Actual song is B / Capo 4) (Intro) | **G** | 1. I ain't got nobody hangin' 'round my doorstep. Ain't got no loose change just a-hangin' round my jeans. If you see somebody, would you send 'em over my way? I could use some help here with a can of pork and beans. 2. I once had a family, but they up and left me with nothin' but an 8-track, another side of George Jones. I was in high cotton, just a bangin' on my six string, A-kickin' at the trash can, walkin' skin and bones. **ch.** I can see your back porch if I close my eyes now. I can hear the train tracks through the laundry on the line. I'm thinkin' it's your business, but you don't got to answer I'm knockin' on your screen door in the summertime. (Instrumental) G C G3. Everybody's out there climbin' on the trees now, Swingin' in the breeze now, hanging on the vine. I'm dreamin' 'bout a sailboat. I don't need a fur coat. Underneath the dashboard, got some sweet potato wine.

Ch. I can see your back porch if I close my eyes now.

G D

I can hear the train tracks through the laundry on the line.

G C

I'm thinking it's your business, but you don't got to answer

G D G

I'm knockin' on your screen door in the summertime.

G D G DG

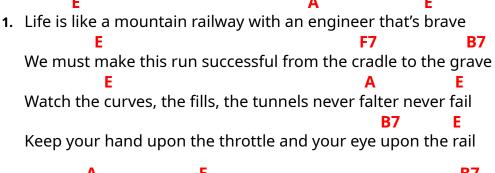
I'm knockin' on your screen door in the summertime.

Knocking on Heaven's Door Artist: Bob Dylan Key: G Book: Americana (composer: Bob Dylan) (number: 1973) (Chords through entire song) || G | D | Am | Am || || G | D | C | C || 1. Momma take this badge off of me I can't use it anymore It's getting dark, too dark to see Feels like I'm knocking on heaven's door Am **ch**. Knock knock knocking on heaven's door Knock knock knocking on heaven's door (x2) Momma take these guns away from me I can't shoot them anymore There's a long black cloud is coming down Feels like I'm knocking on heaven's door, knock, knock, knock (Chorus) 3. Momma take this badge off of me I can't use it anymore It's getting dark, too dark to see Feels like I'm knocking on heaven's door (Chorus)

Artist: Old Crow Medicine Show Key: G Book: Americana (Intro) 2. Like a fire on the mountain GDCAm | **G** D C C | running wild in those days 1. Born up on the blue ridge Playing nights of the golden horseshoe at the Carolina line and Indian raids... Baptized on the banks Now it's parachutes and combat boots of the new river... and camouflage airplanes Brought up on bluegrass And a country boy who don't belong Am and clear moonshine in the desert anyway (Chorus) Tough as iron but a heart (Solo over Verse Chords) soft as leather Bridge Well the sand box sure gets lonesome Ch. Levi... and its a hundred and nine degrees Lord Lord they shot him Singing carry me back to Virginia down.... Lord I'm down here on my knees Am Ten thousand miles C 3. In the market square while the bells were ringing from a southern town... Am D loud to fill the air Oh oh G C Levi gazed his eyes out through the rocket glare Levi Beyond the desert and the ocean to the furthest fields of home And when the bullets pierced his body he was already gone (Chorus)

Levi

Life Is Like A Mountain Railroad Artist: Traditional; Rice Brothers Key: E Book: Americana, Bluegrass



- ch. Blessed savior there to guide us till we reach that blissful shore

 E
 A
 E
 B7
 E
 Where the angels wait to join us in God's praise forever more
- 2. You will roll up grades of trial, you will cross the bridge of life

 F7

 See that Christ is your conductor on this lightning train of life

 E

 A

 E

 Always mindful of obstruction, do your duty never fail

 B7

 E

 Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eye upon the rail
- A E

 3. As you roll across the trestle spanning Jordan's swelling tide

 F7 B7

 You will reach the Union Depot into which the train will ride

 E A E

 There you'll meet the Superintendent, God the Father, God the Son

 B7 E

 With a hearty, joyous greeting weary pilgrims welcome home.

Lonesome Johnny Blues Artist: Cracker Key: G Book: Americana, Bluegrass (Tabbed from O Cracker Where Art Thou?) (Tag) | C _ _ | G Em | | G D | G _ _ _ 1. Well, lucky number seven passed me by Lucky number seven called my name and passed on by Well he came back don't you know With his brother six in tow And that is how number thirteen wound up by my side **ch.** And that is how I got these lonesome johnny blues How I got these lonesome johnny blues Got the lonesome johnny blues And there's nothing I can do 'cept sing these sad old weary lonesome johnny blues (Tag) 2. Grim reaper he pulled up into my drive Grim reaper pulled his little old chevrolet right up onto my drive "johnny, I haven't come for you But I want someone who's dear to you

And the price you pay is to remain alive"

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Outro Johnny blues
G D G
The sad old weary lonesome johnny blues
C
Johnny blues (PULL / TREMELO)
G D C G
(SLOW / Trash Can) The sad old weary lonesome johnny blu____ uues

Look At Miss Ohio Artist: Gillian Welch Key: C Book: Americana (Tag) | F C | G / Am G | | F C | G / _ / _ / | **ch**. Oh me oh my oh, look at Miss O-hio.... She's a-running around with her rag-top down She says I wanna do right but not right now **AmG** 1. Gonna drive to Atlanta and live out this fan tasy Running around with the rag-top down Yeah I wanna do right but not right now (Interlude) | Am D7 | | Am D7 | 2. Had your arm around her shoulder, a regimental soldier... An' mamma starts pushing that wedding gown Yeah you wanna do right but not right now (Chorus) (Interlude) (Solo over Tag) 3. I know all about it, so you don't have to shout it I'm gonna straighten it out somehow Yeah I wanna do right but not right now (Chorus) (Tag)

Man Of Constant Sorrow, (I am a)

Artist: Traditional

Key: E

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

E

Intro

В

In constant sorrow all through his days

EA

1. I Am A Man Of Constant Sorrow

В

E

I've seen trouble all my day.

-

I bid farewell to old Kentucky

В

Ε

The place where I was born and raised.

В

Е

(echo) The place where he was born and raised

- 2. For six long years I've been in trouble
 No pleasures here on earth I found
 For in this world I'm bound to ramble
 I have no friends to help me now.
 (echo) He has no friends to help him now
- 3. It's fare thee well my old lover
 I never expect to see you again
 For I'm bound to ride that northern railroad
 Perhaps I'll die upon this train.
 (echo) Perhaps he'll die upon this train.
- 4. You can bury me in some deep valley For many years where I may lay Then you may learn to love another While I am sleeping in my grave. (echo) While he is sleeping in his grave.
- 5. Maybe your friends think I'm just a stranger My face you'll never see no more. But there is one promise that is given I'll meet you on God's golden shore. (echo) He'll meet you on God's golden shore..

Key: Em Book: Electric, Americana (Intro:) **5.** So one of them cowboys, he starts to draw, | **Em** / / **B7** | x4 I shot him down Lord, he never saw, 1. Well, me & my uncle went ridin' down Shot me another, that man, he won't grow old. South Colorado, west Texas bound In the confusion, my uncle grabbed the gold We stopped over in Sante Fe And we high-tailed it down to Mexico That bein' the point just about half-way And you know it was the hottest part of the daylow, all those cowboys, out of their gold Loved my uncle, God rest his soul 2. I took the horses up to the stalls Em Taught me good, Lord, taught me all I know Went to the barroom, ordered drinks for all Fraught me so well, I grabbed that gold Three days in the saddle, you know my body hurt And I left his dead-ass layin' by the side of the road. It bein' summer, I took off my shirt (END) And I tried to wash off some of that dusty dirt. **3.** West Texas cowboys, they's all around, With liquor and money, they's loaded down, So soon after pay day, you know it seemed a shame You know my uncle, he starts a friendly game High, Low, Jack, and the winner takes the hand. 4. My uncle started winnin', cowboys got sore One of them called him, and then two more, Accused him of cheatin', now I know, it couldn't be I know my uncle, and he's as honest as me Em Yeah, and I'm as honest as a Denver man can be.

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Me & My Uncle

Artist: Grateful Dead

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Meet Me At The Creek (Simplified)

Artist: Billy Strings Key: E Book: Americana, Bluegrass (The Jam part as been greatly simplified) **ch.** I'm letting go of all my trouble (Intro) | E D | A _ G | I think I'll be right here to stay | E E | B7 B7 | | E D | A _ G | Well the water keeps a-churnin' | E B7 | E _ E | while my poor heart is burnin' 1. Well I'm standin' all alone Muddy water, take my pain away By the river of my home (Solo over Verse & Chorus Chords) Thinkin' 'bout the days I've left behind 3. Well one thing I want to know All the years I rode Lord, is where we people go Not a nickel can I show When everything comes crashin' to the ground And the river helps to Meet me at the creek ease my worried mind Grab a beer and tap your feet See that muddy water flowin' down 2. Well the river run all night (Chorus) Lord, the river runs all day (Chop on lines 1 and 3) | E D | A _ G | I can't run no more 'cause E E | B7 B7 | | E D | A G | I'm here to stay | E E | Em Em | | Em (ring then groove) | I had an eye for trouble (Riff/Groove on Em until all solos are finished) And I've lived a life of pain (Exit the Jam. Chop Verse Chords) I sit back and let that water heal my brain

E D

4. Well I'm standin' all alone
 A G
By the river of my home
 E B7
Thinkin' 'bout the days I've left behind
 E D
All the years I rode
 A G
Not a nickel can I show
 E B7 E
And the river helps to ease my worried mind
(Chorus + Tag Last Line)

Midnight Rider

Artist: Allman Brothers Band

Key: D

Book: Americana, Electric

(Guitar Players - suggest watching a video for alternate tuning options)

D

1. I got to run to keep from hiding,

D

And I'm bound to keep on riding,

D

And I've got one more silver dollar,

Gm7

ch. But I'm not gonna' let them catch me, no,

C

Not gonna' let them catch the midnight rider.

D

2. I don't own the clothes I'm wearing,

D

And the road goes on forever,

D

And I've got one more silver dollar,

(Chorus)

(Solo)

D

3. I've gone past the point of caring,

D

Some old bed I'll soon be sharing,

D

And I've got one more silver dollar,

(Outro: Chorus x4, Instrumental x1)

M.T.A.

Artist: Kingston Trio

Key: G

Book: Americana

(composer: Jacqueline Steiner; Bess max Hawes) (number: 1949)

G

1. Now let me tell you a story

C

'bout a man named Charlie

G

D7

On this tragic and fateful day,

G

He put 10 cents in his pocket,

C

kissed his wife and family

G

D (

Went to ride on the M.T.A.

G

ch. But did he ever return?

C

No, he never returned,

G

D

And his fate is still unlearned (Echo: "What a pity")

G

He may ride forever

C

'neath the streets of Boston

G

He's the man

D7

G

who never returned.

2. Charlie handed in his dime at the Kendall Square Station And he changed for Jamaica Plain. When he got there the conductor told him, "One more nickel," Charlie couldn't get off that train. (Chorus, echo: "Poor ol' Charlie")

- Los. Now all night long Charlie rides through the station Crying, "What will become of me? How can I afford to see my sister in Chelsea Or my cousin in Roxbury?"
 - (Chorus, echo: "Shame and scandal")
 - 4. Charlie's wife goes down to Scollay Square Station Every day at quarter past two, And though the open window she hands Charlie a sandwich As the train comes rumblin' through. (Chorus, echo: "He may ride forever")
 - (Chorus, echo: "He may ride forever" (Instrumental breaks)
 - 5. Now you citizens of Boston, don't you think it is a scandal How the people have to pay and pay? Fight the fare increase, vote for George O'Brien, Get Charlie off the M.T.A.!

(Chorus, start with "Or else he'll never...) (And echo: "Just like politicians")

Must Be Seven **Artist: Billy Strings** Key: G Book: Bluegrass, Americana (Recording is in A so Capo 2 - G Shapes) 3. Well, she was so distracted (Chords slightly simplified) By the color of the room 1. Dirty broken dishes She never thought that she would see Cigarette burns on the floor Her little flower bloom She held a look of disbelief And take the cards that he was dealt And wandered through the door Into the house the big, bad wolf could not blow down To have a seat and meet the parents of the child And it must be seven years now That was heading the wrong way Since they turned their lives around And it's probably seven years Since she turned around and hit the road that Shay said, "Stay on track Don't let me see you lookin' back **2.** Paper tearing off the walls Never mind what's left behind and don't look back _ _ A rotten, moldy sink (N/C) Don't look back" _ _ Well, he wandered to the counter (Instrumental) G | % | C | % | Just to fix himself a drink | F | C | G | % | F | C | G | % | Like there wasn't something wrong (Next verse is quiet then builds) Like he couldn't see the sorrow in his soul 4. Well the house shrunk in the rearview And it must be seven years And they left it far behind Since he tipped his hat and told 'em all "So long" It faded out of sight (Instrumental over verse chords) Back to the shadows of her mind Like the shards of shattered mirrors

Broken pieces scattered o'er the burial ground

Am G
And it must be seven years now
C G
Since they got out of that town

Em
Ch. She said, "Stay on track
C
Don't let me see you lookin' back
Am F C
Never mind what's left behind and don't look back _ _
G
(N/C) Don't look back" _ _
(Outro)
| Am G | Am F | C |

My Back Pages

Artist: Bob Dylan

Key: C

Book: Americana

(Intro)

C

C Am Em

1. Crimson flames tied through my ears

F G C Rollin' high and mighty traps

C Am Em

Pounced with fire on flaming roads

F Em G

Using ideas as my maps

"We'll meet on edges, soon," said I

Am F Proud 'neath heated brow.

C Am C

Ah, but I was so much older then,

I'm younger than that now.

(Instrumental)

GGGG

C Am Em

2. Half-wracked prejudice leaped forth

G

"Rip down all hate," I screamed

C Am Em

Lies that life is black and white

Spoke from my skull. I dreamed

mantic facts of musketeer

Romantic facts of musketeers

F udationed door, complex

Foundationed deep, somehow.

C Am Em F

Ah, but I was so much older then,

G C

I'm younger than that now.

C Am Em

3. Girls' faces formed the forward path

F G C

From phony jealousy

C Am Em

To memorizing politics

F G

Of ancient history

Am Em

Flung down by corpse evangelists

Unthought of, though, somehow.

F C

Ah, but I was so much older then,

F G C

I'm younger than that now.

C Am Em

4. A self-ordained professor's tongue

F G C

Too serious to fool

C Am Em

Spouted out that liberty

G

Is just equality in school

Am Em

"Equality," I spoke the word

F G

As if a wedding vow.

C Am

Ah, but I was so much older then,

F G C

I'm younger than that now.

5. In a soldier's stance, I aimed my hand At the mongrel dogs who teach Em Am Fearing not that I'd become my enemy In the instant that I preach My existence led by confusion boats Mutiny from stern to bow. Am Ah, but I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now. C Am 6. Yes, my guard stood hard when abstract threats Too noble to neglect Am Em Deceived me into thinking I had something to protect Good and bad, I define these terms Quite clear, no doubt, somehow. Am Ah, but I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now.

My Neighbor is Happy Again Artist: Keller Williams Key: G Book: Bluegrass, Americana (Recording is in F) 1. I don't have a lawnmower because I got a goat And my neighbor got mad when my goat ate all through his grass So I had to dig a moat To keep in my goat And I had to buy a boat Because my goat don't float But my neighbor is happy again 2. I don't have a trash compactor because I got a goat And my neighbor got mad when my goat ate all through his trash So I had to dig a moat To keep in my goat And I had to buy a boat Because my goat don't float But my neighbor is happy again 3. One day my goat got lonely so I bought him a friend Now I don't have to drink that moo moo milk When I wasn't lookin' they went behind the barn Now I have three goats (Note the pattern changes to 4 1 5 1)

C G
Outro And that why had to dig a moat
D G
To keep in all my goats
C G
And I why had to buy a boat
D G
Because my goats don't float
D G
But my neighbor is happy again (x3)

Off To Sea Once More

He must go to sea once more

Key: Dm

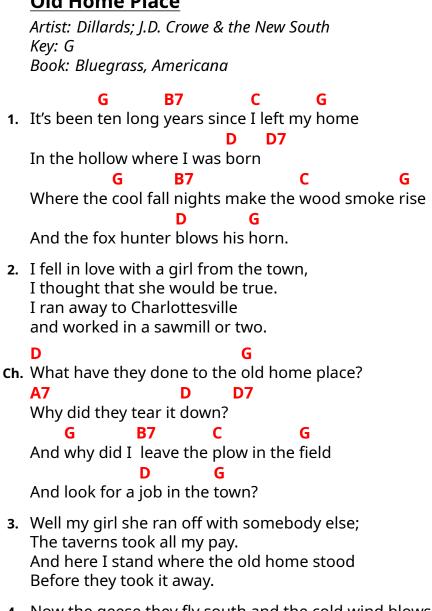
Artist: Garcia/Grisman; Ewan Maccoll

Book: Americana Dm 1. When first I came to Liverpool 3. As I was walkin' down the street C I met with Rapper Brown I went upon a spree I asked for him to take me in Me money alas I spent too fast Got drunk as drunk could be And he looked at me with a frown And when my money was all gone He said last time you was paid off 'Twas then I wanted more With me you jobbed no score Am But a man must be blind to make up his mind But I'll take your advance and I'll give ya's a chance Dm C Dm To go to sea once more And I'll send you to sea once more 2. I spent the night with Angeline 4. I hired me aboard of a whaling ship Too drunk to roll in bed Bound for the Artic seas Where the cold winds blow through the frost and the s My watch was new and my money too C In the mornin' with 'em she fled And Jamaican rum would freeze And as I roamed the streets about And worst and bear I'd no hard weather gear For I'd lost all my money ashore The whores they all would roar Here comes Jack Rack, the young sailin' lad 'Twas then that I wished that I was dead

So I'd gone to sea no more

Dm **5.** Some days we're catching whales me lads And some days we're catching none With a twenty foot oar cocked in our hands From four o'clock in the morn And when the shades of night come in C We rest on our weary oar Dm 'Twas then I wished that I was dead Dm C Dm Or safe with the girls ashore C Dm Am **6.** Come all you bold seafarin' men Dm C And listen to my song If you come off of them long trips I'd have ya's not go wrong Take my advice, drink no strong drink C **A7** Don't go sleeping with no whores Get married lads and have all night in Dm C So you'll go to sea no more

Old Home Place



4. Now the geese they fly south and the cold wind blows As I stand here and hang my head. I've lost my love, I've lost my home And now I wish that I was dead.

(composer: Mitch Jane; Dean Webb)

(number: 1963)

On the Road Again Artist: Willie Nelson Key: E Book: Americana 4. Is on the road again 1. On the road again G#7 Just can't wait to get on the road again Just can't wait to get on the road again The life I love is making music with my friends. The life I love is making music with my friends. And I can't wait to get on the road again And I can't wait to get on the road again And I can't wait to get on the road again 2. On the road again Goin' places that I've never been Seein' things that I may never see again And I can't wait to get on the road again **ch.** On the road again Like a band of gypsies we go down the highway We're the best of friends Insisting that the world keep turning our way and our way (halt) 3. Is on the road again I just can't wait to get on the road again The life I love is making music with my friends And I can't wait to get on the road again (Solo over Verse Chords)

(Chorus)

Paradise Artist: John Prine Key: D Book: Bluegrass, Americana 1. When I was a child my family would travel, down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born * And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered, so many times that my memories are worn. ch. And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County, down by the Green River where Paradise lay * Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking, * Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it away 2. Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River, * to the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill * Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols, * but empty pop bottles was all we would kill. (Chorus) 3. Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel, and they tortured the timber and stripped all the land * Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken, then they wrote it all down as the progress of man. (Chorus) 4. When I die let my ashes float down the Green River, let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam * I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin', just five miles away from wherever I am.

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Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Artist: Traditional; Bill Monroe & His Blue Grass Boys; Johnny Cash

Key: Em

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

(Also called "I'm a PWS", "The WS" "Wayfaring Pilgrim") (Song is 200 years old, so verses change over time) (Modeled after Bill Monroe & Bluegrass Boys, Abm)

Em

1. I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger

m

Traveling through this world below

Em

There's no sickness, toil nor danger

.m E

In that bright land to which I go

ch. I'm goin' home to see my mother (father)

C B7

I'm goin' home, no more to roam

Em

I'm just a goin' over Jordan

Am Em

I'm just goin' over home

- 2. I know dark clouds will gather around me I know my way is rough and steep But golden fields lie out before me Where weary eyes no more will weep
- 3. I'll soon be free from every trial
 This form shall rest beneath the sod
 I'll drop the cross of self-denial
 And enter in that home with God

Quinn the Eskimo Artist: Grateful Dead; Bob Dylan Key: C Book: Electric, Americana (Intro) | C | F C | Everybody's building ships and boats, Some are building monuments, others jotting down notes, Everybody's in despair, every girl and boy, But when Quinn the Eskimo gets here, everybody's gonna jump for joy. **ch.** Come all without, Come all within You'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn. (x2)2. I like my sugar like the rest, I like my sugar sweet, But jumping cues and making haste just ain't my cup of meat, Everyone's beneath the trees feeding pigeons on a limb, But when Quinn the Eskimo gets here, all the pigeons gonna run to him ch. Come all without, Come all within You'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn. (Solo over Verse Chords) 3. If you do what I want you to, I can't decide in my heart Tell me where to put it, and I'll tell you who to call No one can get no sleep, with someone on everyone's toes But when Quinn the Eskimo gets here everybody's gonna want a dose (Chorus) (Solo over Verse Chords) (Chorus)

Rake

Artist: Townes Van Zandt

Key: Dm

Book: Americana

Dm

1. Well, I used to wake

and run with the moon

I lived like a rake and a young man

I covered my lovers

with flowers and wounds

my laughter the devil would frighten.

2. The sun, she would come

and beat me back down

but every cruel day had its nightfall

I'd welcome the stars

with wine and guitars

full of fire and forgetful

3. My body was sharp

the dark air clean

Dm

and outrage my joyful companion

whisperin' women

how sweet did they seem

kneelin' for me to command them

4. And time was like water

but I was the sea

I wouldn't have noticed it passing

except for the turnin'

of night into day

and turnin' of day into cursin'

Dm

5. You look at me now

Dm

and don't think I don't know

what all of your eyes are a sayin'

Does he want us to believe

these ravings and lies

they're just tricks that his brain's been a playin'?

6. A lover of women

he can't hardly stand

he trembles he's bent and he's broken

I've fallen it's true

but I say unto you

hold your tongues until after I've spoken

Dm **7.** I was takin' by pride

in the pleasures I'd known

I laughed and said I'd be forgiven

Dm

but my laughter turned 'round

eyes blazin' and said

Dm my friend, we're holding a wedding

8. I buried my face

but it spoke once again

Dm night to the day we're a bindin'

and now the dark air

is like fire on my skin

Dm and even the moonlight is blinding

Ramblin Man Artist: Allman Brothers Band Key: G Book: Americana, Electric (Recording is in G#, capo 1 to play with recording.) (Simplified to make it easier to jam as group) (Intro) | G | D | C | C G | ch. Lord I was born a ramblin' man Tryin' to make a living and doing the best I can When it's time for leaving I hope you'll understand That I was born a ramblin' man 1. My father was a gambler down in Georgia And he wound up on the wrong end of a gun And I was born in the back seat of a Greyhound bus Rolling down highway forty-one (Chorus) (Solo) | G | F C | G | 2. I'm on my way to New Orleans this morning Leavin' out of Nashville, Tennessee They're always havin' a good time down on the Bayou, Lord Them delta women think the world of me (Chorus)

Outro (first line of chorus) Lord I was born a ramblin' man (x4)

Rank Stranger Artist: Ralph Stanley Key: E Book: Americana, Bluegrass (time: 3/4) 1. I wandered again, to my home in the mountains where in youth's early dawn I was happy and free I looked for my friends, but I never could find 'em I found they were all rank strangers to me **ch.** Everybody I've met, seemed to be a rank stranger No mother nor dad, not a friend could I see They knew not my name, and I knew not their faces I found they were all rank strangers to me 2. They've all moved away, said the voice of a stranger To a beautiful home on the bright crystal sea On a beautiful day, I'll meet 'em in heaven Where no one will be a stranger to me **ch.** Everybody I've met, seemed to be a rank stranger

No mother nor dad, not a friend could I see

I found they were all rank strangers to me

They knew not my name, and I knew not their faces

Artist: Grateful Dead Key: G Book: Americana, Electric (Intro: (Verse Chords)) **4.** There is a road, no simple highway 1. If my words did glow Between the dawn and the dark of night with the gold of sunshine And if you go no one may follow And my tunes were played That path is for your steps alone on the harp unstrung ch. Ripple in still water Would you hear my voice When there is no pebble tossed come through the music Nor wind to blow Would you hold it near 5. You who choose to lead must follow as it were your own? But if you fall you fall alone 2. It's a hand-me-down, the thoughts are broken If you should stand then who's to guide you? Perhaps they're better left unsung If I knew the way I would take you home I don't know, don't really care 6. Lat da dat da, Lah da-ah da da, da Let there be songs to fill the air La da da, la da, da da da-ah, da da Am **ch**. Ripple in still water Lat da dat da, Lah da-ah da da, da When there is no pebble tossed La da da da, Lah da da da da Nor wind to blow 3. Reach out your hand if your cup be empty If your cup is full may it be again Let it be known there is a fountain

That was not made by the hands of men

Ripple

Rocky Road Blues

Artist: Bill Monroe

Key: G

Book: Americana, Bluegrass

(Tag)

| G | G G7 | | C | G _ _ | | D7 | D7 G |

G

G7

ch. Oh the road is rocky, but it won't be rocky long, Lord, Lord

Yeah the road is rocky, but it won't be rocky long

7

'Cause another man has got my woman and gone

G

1. I've got those blues, I'm wearing out the soles of my shoes

I've got those blues, I'm wearing out the soles of my shoes

My gal went away and left me she left me with the dog gone blues

G

2. You'll never miss your water til the well runs dry

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You'll never miss your water til the well runs dry

D7

You'll never miss your woman until she says goodbye

G

3. I wish to the Lord you'd bring my woman back home

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I wish to the Lord you'd bring my woman back home

D7 (

I'm not so lonesome, i just don't want to be alone

Scarlet Begonias Artist: Grateful Dead Key: E Book: Electric, Americana (Solos are over the verse during song or over tag at end of the song) ||:B///|//E/|B///|//A/:|| 1. As I was walkin' down Govennor Square..., Not a chill to the winter but a nip to the ai..r..., From the other di..rec...tion she was calling my eye, Could be an illu...sion but I might as well try, might as well try. (Tag) 2. She had rings on her fingers and bells on her shoes..., And I knew without askin' she was into the blues... She wore scarlet be..gon...ias tucked into her curls, I knew right away she was not like other girls, other girls. (Tag) 3. In the heat of the evening when the dealin' got rough..., She was too pat to open and too cool to bluff.... As I picked up my mat..ches and was closin' the door, I had one of those fla...shes, I'd been there before, been there before. (Tag) Bridge Well, I ain't often right but I've never been wrong, Seldom turns out the way it does in the song..... Once in a while you get shown the light In the strangest of places if you look at it right... (Bridge Outro) /|F# /// |A /// |B /// | % |



Sick and Tired Artist: Boz Scaggs; Fats Domino Kev: Bb Book: Electric, Americana Eb Bb (Mid Tempo 12 Bar Blues Shuffle) **ch.** Oh, babe, whatcha gonna do..? (Intro - 1 Cycle) Bb Bb7 I'm sick and tired, foolin' around with you. Bb **ch.** Oh, babe, whatcha gonna do.. (Solo 12 Bar Cycle) (Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus) oh, babe, whatcha gonna do? Eb Bh (Solo 12 Bar Cycle) I'm sick and tired, foolin' around with you. (Repeat: Verse 2 / Chorus / END) Bb **1.** (HALT) Wake up in the mornin' Bb (HALT) fix you somethin' to eat.. (HALT) before I go to work I even... (HALT) brush your teeth. (HALT) come back and you're... (HALT) still in bed. Bb (HALT) Got a rag tied 'round your head. Eb Bb ch. Oh, babe, whatcha gonna do..? Bb Bb7 I'm sick and tired, foolin' around with you. Bb 2. (HALT)This is my last time tellin' you... (HALT) to change your ways. Bb (HALT)I'm tellin' you, baby (HALT) I mean what I say. (HALT) Last time tellin' you to...

(HALT)stop that jive..or you'll find yourself outside.

Silver and Gold Artist: Trampled by Turtles Key: A Book: Americana (Start the song with Chorus chords) 4. Well, I already got me a woman 1. I went down to the Devil That's why I look so old Devil gonna sell my soul If I go home she's gonna leave me on my own Gonna Come back home, my 'Cause I got no silver and gold (Chorus) Little love with my pockets full of Silver and gold 5. Well I give you a brand new motor car A motor car for your soul 2. Well you're out of luck said the devil You can drive all around with a good gal on the town I got no silver and gold You can take her right down the road police gonna come take all my land and He left me in a hole 6. Well, I don't want your brand new motor car A motor car for my soul ch. And I'm on my own I have to bust my ass just to buy a tank of gas No place to call my home I can drive right down the road Ain't no pretty gal gonna (Chorus x2) waste her time on me 3. Well, I'll give you twenty women Pretty gals for your soul They'll love you sweet all the days of the week

Till your buried and your dead and your cold

Sitting On Top Of The World

Artist: Doc Watson

Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

1. 'Twas in the spring one sunny day

My sweetheart left me, Lord, she went away.

Em

ch. And now she's gone and I don't worry

D7

Lord, I'm sitting on top of the world

- 2. She called me up from down in El Paso She said "Come back, daddy hooh, I need you so"
- **3.** If you don't like my peaches don't you shake my tree Get out of my orchard let my peaches be
- **4.** And don't you come here runnin' holding out your hand I'm gonna get me a woman like you got your man
- **5.** Twas in the spring one sunny day My sweetheart left me, Lord, she went away

Smoke Along The Tracks Artist: Joe Mullins Key: G Book: Americana, Bluegrass (Joe Mullins version, the chorus is slightly different each time, FYI) 1. One day the train was passing, I caught it comin' by To look this old world over, under God's blue sky My darlin' stood there weepin' as I was lookin' back I kissed my baby cryin' in the smoke along the track **ch.** Goodbye, so long, until I come back home you'll be my dream Goodbye, so long, there's lots of places that I've never seen I've always been a drifter, but I'll be drifting back Where I left you cryin', In the smoke along the track (Solo over Verse Chords) 2. I like to keep on goin', it helps me when I'm blue I get the urge to travel, that's all I want to do I know I just can't settle down because I like to roam And when I hear that whistle blow I've got to move along (Chorus) 3. I know my baby loves me, I love my baby too But she don't understand me when I'm feelin' so blue And when I hear that whistle blow I hurry home to pack And kiss my baby cryin' in the smoke along the track

(Chorus)

Someday Artist: Steve Earle Key: G Book: Americana (Intro) | **G** | **G** | **C** | **D G** | **x**2 C DG 1. There ain't a lot that you can do in this town _ _ _ _ C DG You drive down to the lake and then you turn back around__ _ _ _ You go to school and you learn to read and write__ _ _ So you can walk into the county bank and sign away your life__ _ _ Now I work at the fillin station on the interstate _ _ _ _ I'm pumpin gasoline and countin out of state plates__ _ _ D G They ask me how far into Memphis son and where's the nearest beer__ _ _ They don't even know that there's a town around here _ _ _ _ ch. Someday I'm finally gonna let go Cause I know there's a better way And I wanna know what's over that rainbow I'm gonna get out of here someday G C D __ _ someday G C DG CDG2. Now my brother went to college cause he played football__ _ _ _ I'm still hangin' round cause I'm a little bit small _ _ _

Someday I'll put her on that interstate and never look back

I got me a 67 Chevy she's low and sleek and black _ _ _ _ _

Southbound Artist: Allman Brothers Band Key: C Book: Electric, Americana (12 Bar Blues in C) (Intro, make all chords 7 for better sound) (use bar chord and slide up, start on Pick Up Measure Beat 3&) _____| F | F _____| C | C | _____ | G | F ____ | C | C | 1. Well I'm Southbound, Lord I'm comin' home to you. **C7** Well I'm Southbound, baby, Lord I'm comin' home to you. I got that old lonesome feelin' that's sometimes called the blues. **C7** 2. Lord I been workin' every night, travelin' every day. Yes I been workin' every night, traveling every day. **G7** You can tell your other man... sweet daddy's on his way. Aww, ya better believe. C7 C7 **C7** 3.Well I'm Southbound...Whoo... F7 F7 **C7**I'm Southbound... Well you can tell your other man, Sweet daddy's on his way. (Solo Over: Intro + 12 Bar Loops) **4.** Got your hands full now baby, as soon as I hit that door. Got your hands full now woman, just as soon as I hit that door. Well I'm gonna make it on up to you for all the things you should have had before. 5. Lord, I'm Southbound. Yes I'm Southbound. Whoa I'm Southbound, baby. I'm goin' Southbound, yeah baby Make it all up to you for all the things you should have had before. (Solo over 12 Bar Blues)

Speed of the Sound of Loneliness

Artist: John Prine; Kim Carnes; Nanci Griffith

Key: G

Book: Americana

(Intro is the first 2 lines of a verse.)

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1. You come home late and you come home early,

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You come on big when you're feeling small.

You come home straight and you come home curly,

Sometimes you don't come home at all.

ch. So, what in the world's come over you?

D

And what in heaven's name have you done?

You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness,

D G

You're out there running just to be on the run.

2. Well, I got a heart that burns with a fever, And I got a worried and a jealous mind. Well, how can a love that'll last forever Get left so far behind?

(Chorus, then instrumental break)

3. It's a mighty mean and a dreadful sorrow, It's crossed the evil line today. Well, how can you ask about tomorrow, When we ain't got one word to say?

(Chorus)

(Tag: last line, 3 times)

(composer: John Prine)

(number: 1986)

Statesboro Blues Artist: Allman Brothers Band; Blind Willie McTell Key: D Book: Americana, Electric (Tabbed against ABB version) (back to normal strumming) (Intro) I'm goin' to the country, | D | D | D | D | | D | D | D | D | baby do you want to go (12 Bar Blues in D) || D7 | G7 | D7 | D7 || If you can't make it baby, || **G7** | **G7** | **D7** | **D7** || || A7 | G7 | D7 | D7 || your sister Lucile said she wanna go (and I sure will take her). **D7 1.** Wake up momma, (Solo of 12 Bar Blues) **G7 D7 D7** turn your lamp down low 4. I love that woman, Wake up momma, better than any woman I've ever seen **G7** turn your lamp down low I love that woman, You got no love babe, better than any woman I've ever seen **A7** to turn Uncle John from your door. She treats me like a king **D7** 2. I woke up this morning, I treat her like a dog gone queen. (Repeat Verse 1) had them Statesboro Blues **G7** I woke up this morning, had them Statesboro Blues **A7** I looked ooo-ver in the corner, and grandpa seemed to have them too. (Solo of 12 Bar Blues) **3.** (hit and drop)

D7

I ain't good lookin' baby But somewhere I'm sweet and kind 118 Jump to Songs TOC | Jump to Artists TOC

Well my momma died and left me

My poppa died and left me

Stay All Night (Stay a Little Longer)

Artist: Bob Wills & His Texas Playboys; Willie Nelson

Key: A

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

A

1. You ought to see my blue eyed Sally

F

She lives way down on Shinbone Alley

A

The number on the gate and the number on the door

F

And the next house over is a grocery store

Α

ch. Stay all night stay a little longer

Ε

Dance all night dance a little longer

A

Pull off your coat throw it in a corner

Е

Don't see why you don't stay a little longer

2. Sitting in the window singing to my love Slop bucket fell from the window up above Mule and the grasshopper eatin' ice cream The mule got sick so they laid him on a beam

(Chorus)

3. Can't go home if you're going by the mill
Cause the bridge is washed out at the bottom of the hill
Big Creek's up Little Creek's level
Plow my corn with a double shovel

(Chorus)

Sugaree Artist: Grateful Dead Key: B Book: Electric, Americana (Tag:) | B | E | 1. When they come to take you down when they bring that wagon 'round When they come to call on you and drag your poor body down C#m **ch.** Just one thing I ask of you... just one thing for me C#m Please forget you know my name... my darling sugaree C#m Shake it, shake it sugaree... just don't tell them that you know me C#m Shake it, shake it sugaree... just don't tell them that you know me

2. You thought you was the cool fool and never could do no wrong Had everything sewn up tight. how come you lay awake... all... night long

(Chorus + Tag)

(Tag)

3. Well in spite of... all you had gained you still had to stand out... in.. the... pouring rain One last... voice is calling you and I guess it's time... you go

(Chorus + Tag)

4. Well shake it up now sugaree, I'll meet you at the jubilee and if that jubilee don't come well i'll meet you on the run

(Chorus - repeat last line 2 more time / 4 total)

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Summertime
   Artist: Doc Watson
   Key: Em
   Book: Americana
   (Tabbed from Doc & Dawg)
   (Intro)
   | Em F#m | G F#m | x2
          Em F#mG
 1. Summertime _ _
           F#m Em F#mG F#m
   And the livin' is easy _ _
          Am
   Fish are jumpin'_
   And the cotton is high
                 Em F#mG
   Oh, your daddy's rich_ _
                         Em F#mG F#m
           F#m
   And your mamma's good lookin' _ _ _
          Em
   So hush little baby,
   Am C
            Em Bm
   honey Don't you cry _
                     F#mG
              Em
 2. One of these mornings_ _
                F#m Em F#mG
   You're going to rise up singing _ _
             F#m Am C
   Then you'll spread your wings _
   And you'll take to the sky
           Em F#mG
   Until that day _ _
          F#m Em F#mG F#m
   You can hush up your crying _ _ _
               Em
   Your pappy and mammy
   Am C Em
    stand...ing... by your side
Outro (slow): So hush little baby,
   Am C Em
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honey Don't you cry

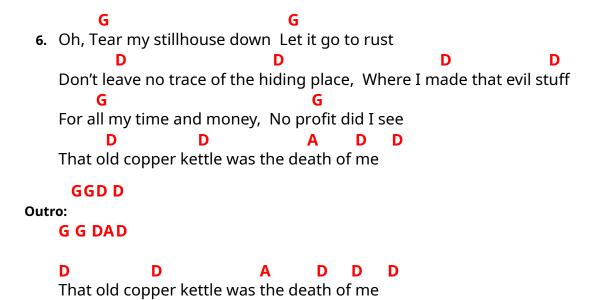
Artist: Billy Strings Key: C Book: Americana, Bluegrass Dm (Key is C, Mode is D Dorian) **ch.** This old boat is taking water (Tag) | **G** | **Dm** | **Am** | **G** | x2 It won't be long 'til it goes down 1. Cold cold ashes on the ground Had enough to push us over Nothing lost and nothing found Time to turn the wheel around (Solo (Verse + Chorus):) Friends and loved ones falling down | **G**_ | **Dm** | **Am** | **G**_ | x2 Can't you hear that mournful sound? Dm 2. Nothing left but memories **4.** Waves keep pounding through the night Things I still can't stand to see Lost without a ray of light There's an empty spot in me Going down without a fight Where my hometown used to be Is there still time to make it right? **ch.** This old boat is taking water **ch**. This old boat is taking water It won't be long 'til it goes down It won't be long 'til it goes down Dm Had enough to push us over Had enough to push us over Time to turn the wheel around Time to turn the wheel around (Tag) Dm Outro This old boat is taking water Dm **3.** Neighborhoods left to decay Won't be long 'til it goes down People died or walked away Had enough to push us over There's nowhere left for them to stay Time to turn the wheel around

And we just look the other way

Taking Water

Tear My Stillhouse Down Artist: Gillian Welch Key: D Book: Americana (Intro) | D | x4 **1.** Put no stone at my head... No flowers on my tomb No gold plated sign... In a marbled pillered room The one thing I want... When they lay me in the ground When I die... Tear my stillhouse down 2. Oh, Tear my stillhouse down Let it go to rust Don't leave no trace of the hiding place, Where I made that evil stuff For all my time and money, No profit did I see That old copper kettle was the death of me 3. When I was a child, Way back in the hills I laughed at the men, Who tended those stills But that old mountian shine, It caught me somehow When I die, Tear my stillhouse down 4. Oh, Tear my stillhouse down Let it go to rust Don't leave no trace of the hiding place, Where I made that evil stuff For all my time and money, No profit did I see That old copper kettle was the death of me 5. Oh, Tell all your children, That Hell ain't no dream 'Cause Satan he lives, In my whiskey machine And in my time of dying, I know where I'm bound When I die, Tear my stillhouse down

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Tennessee Jed Artist: Grateful Dead Key: C Book: Americana, Electric (Tag) | C | % _ _ | % | G C | | C | % _ _ | % | G C | | C | G C | 1. Cold iron shackles, ball and chain _ _ _ _ C Listen to the whistle of the evenin' train.____ Cdim7 Dm7 You know you, bound to, wind up dead.. C If you don't head back to Tennessee Jed _ _ _ _ G C 2. Rich man step on my poor head _ _ _ _ When you get back, you better butter my bread _ _ _ _ Cmin7 Dm7 C C7 Well you... know it's a, like I said. Better head back to Tennessee Jed. (Pre-Chorus) | Bb F | G C | **ch**. Tennessee, Tennessee, there ain't no place I'd rather be. C G Baby won't you carry me... back to Tennessee _ _ _ (Tag) 3. Drink all day and rock all night.__ __ Law come to get you if you don't walk right. _ _ _ _ Cdim7 Dm7 Got a letter this mornin' children and, all it read: "You better head back to Tennessee Jed."

(Pre-Chorus)

4. I dropped four flights and cracked my spine.._ _ _ _ Honey, come quick with theiodine.___ Cdim7 Catch a few winks, baby now, under the bed. Then you head back to Tennessee Jed. (Pre-Chorus + Chorus + Tag) G C **5**. I run into Charlie Fog. _ _ Blacked my eye and he kicked my dog _ _ _ _ Cdim7 Dm7 My doggie, turned to me, and he said. C G "Let's head back to Tennesse Jed." _ _ _ C **6.** I woke up feelin' mean.__ __ I went down to play the slot machine._ _ _ Dm7 C The wheels turned around and the, letters read: "You better head back to Tennessee Jed". (Pre-Chorus + Chorus) (Solo over Tag) (Pre-Chorus + Chorus + Pre-Chorus)

Tennessee Stud

Artist: Doc Watson

Kev: D

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

1. Along about eighteen twenty-five

I left Tennessee very much alive

If I hadn't been riding on the Tennessee Stud

2. Had some trouble with my sweetheart's Pa

One of her brothers was a bad outlaw

I wrote her a letter by my Uncle Fudd

Am7

And I rode away on the Tennessee Stud

ch. The Tennessee Stud was long and lean

The color of the sun and his eyes were green

He had the nerve and he had the blood

Am7

There never was a horse like Tennessee Stud

- 3. We drifted on down into no man's land We crossed that river called the Rio Grande I raced my horse with the Spaniard's foal Til I got me a skin full of silver and gold
- 4. Me and a gambler, we couldn't agree We got in a fight over Tennessee We jerked our guns and he fell with a thud And I got away on the Tennessee Stud

(Chorus)

- 5. I got just as lonesome as a man can be Dreamin of my girl in Tennessee The Tennessee Stud's green eyes turned blue cause he was a dreamin of a sweetheart too
- 6. I rode right back across Arkansas I whipped her brother and I whipped her Pa I found that girl with the golden hair And she was riding on a Tennessee Mare

(Chorus)

7. Stirrup to stirrup and side by side, We crossed the mountains and the vallevs wide.

I never would've made it through the Arkansas mud — We came to Big Muddy, then we forded the flood On the Tennessee Mare and the Tennessee Stud.

> Pretty little baby on the cabin floor Little horse colt playing round the door I loved that girl with the golden hair And the Tennessee Stud loves the Tennessee Mare

(Chorus)

That's All Right Artist: Elvis Presley Key: A Book: Electric, Americana (Blue Moon of Kentucky was the B-Side, SUN Records in 1954) Intro 1. Well, that's all right now, mama, that's all right with you. That's all right now, mama, just anyway you do. That's all right, that's all right. That's all right now, mama, anyway you do. 2. Well, mama, she done told me, papa done told me, too. Son, that gal you're foolin, with, she ain't no good for you. But that's all right now, that's all right. That's all right now, mama, anyway you do. (Interlude) | **A** | % | % | **A7** | | **D9** | % | **E** | % | | **A** | % | 3. I'm leaving town, baby, I'm leaving town for sure. Well, then you won't be bothered with me hanging round your door. Well, that's all right, that's all right. That's all right now, mama, anyway you do. Α

This Land Is Your Land

Artist: Woody Guthrie

Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

G C G

 $\operatorname{\mathbf{ch.}}$ This land is your land, and this land is my land

From Cali- fornia to the New York island

From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters

D G

This land was made for you and me

- 1. As I went walking.... that ribbon of highway And I saw above me.... that endless skyway I saw below me.... that golden valley This land was made for you and me
- 2. I roamed and rambled,.... and I've followed my footsteps To the sparkling sands ofher diamond deserts All around me,.... a voice was sounding This land was made for you and me
- 3. When the sun come shining, then I was strolling And the wheat fields waving,.... and the dust clouds rolling as the fog was lifting.... The voice was chanting This land was made for you and me

Up on the Divide Artist: Martha Scanlan; Mighty Poplar Key: E Book: Americana, Bluegrass (time: 3/4) A E B C#m 1. Go cinch up the saddle, ol' Dunny and me, A E B We'll drive up the cattle where the snows used to be. A E B C#m I ain't much for nothin', but still I can ride__ A E B C#m Ch. And the springtime's a-comin up on the divide, A E B E Springtime's a-comin up on the divide.

- Ol' Charlie, he sold out, he lost everything, A '52 Chevy and a Navajo ring. Busted, flat broken and split open wide___ (Instrumental breaks)
- 3. Well, my granddaddy died here in nineteen and three, He left his old shotgun my daddy gave me. I hope there's someplace we can all rope and ride__
- 4. Well, that grave on the hillside is long overgrown, Been twenty-two years since I gathered stones. And twenty-two more since I made her my bride___ (Instrumental breaks)
- 5. Now the coal company man wants to eat up your coal, First he'll swallow your cattle and then he'll swallow your soul. He'll dig you a grave 'bout ten acres wide__

(composer: Martha Scanlan)

(number: 2007)

Victory **Artist: Trampled By Turtles** Key: G Book: Bluegrass, Americana (Recording in A - Capo 2 G Shapes.) 1. All of us lonely, it ain't a sin to want somethin' better, than the shape you're in The rain came at the break of day Your light in the windowpane said come on in 2. It's a broken heart babe, I know the sound Feels like your hands, are nailed to the ground It'll pass just like everything else You won't let it get to me, the next time around **ch.** It's a hard-earned victory _ The life that come from you to me can never be wrong (Solo over Verse Chords) 3. Grown from a moment and a million miles Here lies the stardust and it slowly dies Borrowed from nothing, come back half alive

And the stars that whisper blessings be as you walk by

(Solo over Verse Chords)

Way Downtown

Artist: Doc Watson; Tony Rice

Key: C

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

F (

ch. Way downtown just fooling around,

G7 (

They took me to the jail.

F

C

Oh me and it's oh my,

G7

C

No one to go my bail.

F

1. It was late last night when Willie came home,

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I heard him a-rapping on the door.

F

C

He's a slipping and a sliding with them new shoes on,

Momma said "Willie don't you rap no more."

(Chorus, then instrumental break)

2. I wish I was over at my sweet Sally's house Sitting in that big armed chair One arm around this old guitar And the other one around my dear.

(Chorus, then instrumental break)

3. Now, one old shirt is about all that I got, And a dollar is all that I crave. I brought nothing with me into this old world, Ain't gonna take nothing to my grave. (Chorus)

Artist: The Band Key: G Book: Americana, Electric Bm (composer: Jaime Robbie Robertson) 2. I picked up my bag, (number: 1968) (The Band is in A) I went lookin' for a place to hide (Guitar: Capo: 2 - G Shapes) (In Chorus, final G to C change...) When I saw Carmen and the Devil (walk the bass line down G F# E D C) Bm walkin' side by side 1. I pulled into Nazareth, I said, "Hey, Carmen, was feelin' about half past dead come on let's go downtown." I just need some place She said, "I gotta go where I can lay my head but my friend can stick around." "Hey, mister, can you tell me (Repeat Chorus) where a man might find a bed?" 3. Go down, Miss Moses, He just grinned and shook my hand, there's nothin' you can say "no" was all he said It's just old Luke and **ch**. Take a load off Fanny Luke's waitin' on the Judgment Day Take a load for free "Well, Luke, my friend, Take a load off Fanny what about young Anna Lee?" And (and, and) you put the load right on me He said, "Do me a favor, son,

The Weight

(Repeat Chorus)

won't you stay and keep Anna Lee company?"

4. Crazy Chester followed me and he caught me in the fog He said, "I will fix your rack if you take Jack, my dog." I said, "Wait a minute, Chester, you know I'm a peaceful man." He said, "That's OK, boy, won't you feed him when you can?" (Repeat Chorus) Bm **5.** Catch a cannon ball now to take me down the line My bag is sinkin' low and I do believe it's time To get back to Miss Fanny, C you know she's the only one Who sent me here with her regards for everyone (Repeat Chorus)

Where Did You Sleep Last Night Artist: Lead Belly; Nirvana Key: E Book: Bluegrass, Americana 1. My girl, my girl, don't lie to me Tell me where did you sleep last night **Ch.** In the pines, in the pines Where the sun don't ever shine I would shiver the whole night through 2. My girl, my girl, where will you go I'm going where the cold winds blow (Chorus) 3. Her husband, was a hard working man Just about a mile from here 4. His head was found in a driving wheel But his body never was found (Lead Belly played the song in F) (Nirvana played in Eb)

Whiskey *Artist: Trampled By Turtles* Key: C Book: Americana (Recording in Eb, so Capo 3 with C shapes) 5. So whiskey won't you come and take my troubles (Intro) | C | G | Am | % | Cause I can't seem to do it on my own F | C | G | % | | **F** | **C** | Am | % | In the morning there is hours and infinity | F | G | C | G | | **G** | 🛭 buffer The starlit evening's come to take me home 1. Whiskey won't you come and take my trouble. The starlit evening's come to take me home Cause I can't seem to do it on my own In the morning there is hours and infinity The starlit evening's come to take me home $_$ $_$ $_$ **2.** I ain't got a dime in my pocket and I just stepped on my last cigarette But there's a bar downtown that'll give me credit A home away from home, away I went $_$ $_$ $_$ (Solo over Verse Chords) **3.** Tomorrow there's a train to Carolina Tomorrow that's where I'm gonna go To feel the warm sunshine on my shoulder and live my days a free and easy soul _ _ _ (Solo over Verse Chords) **4.** My home is with the hills and trees around me My ceiling holds the moon and stars above So I'll never be a lone man a' walking I'll never live one day without love $\ _\ _\$

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White Freightliner Blues

Artist: New Grass Revival; JD Crowe & the New South

Key: B

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

(composer: Townes Van Zandt)

E

1. I'm goin' out on the highway

R

listen to them big trucks whine

F

I'm goin' out on the highway

В

listen to them big trucks whine

F#

Oh white freightliner

Ε

В

won't you steal away my mind

- 2. New Mexico ain't bad, boys the people there they'll treat you kind New Mexico ain't bad, boys and the people there they'll treat you kind White freight liner won't you steal away my mind
- 3. Well, it's bad news from Houston half my friends are dying
 It's bad news from Houston half my friends are dying
 Oh white freight liner won't you steal away my mind
- 4. Oh, Lord, I'm gonna ramble 'til I get back to where I came Oh, Lord, I'm gonna ramble 'til I get back to where I came Oh white freight liner gonna haul away my brain

Who's That Knocking At My Door Artist: Dreadful Snakes Key: C Book: Americana, Bluegrass ch. Who's that knocking at my door have I heard that knock before Is it evil trying to get into my room Who's that tapping at my window who's calling me to go To a place that's filled with dark and gloom 1. Oh this life that I'm living it seems so unforgiving I find trouble everywhere that I go I always seek it first just to quench my burning thirst In waters that are cool as fallen snow C 2. But the waters are oh so deep what you sew you must reap Now I hear a knocking at my door It's evil standing outside there's no place to run and hide It plucks my soul and presses me to the floor

But this time I don't think I'll be back

Feels like a freight train pulling me there's a dark tunnel ahead I see

This train's going down a one-way track

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Artist: Carter Family; Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

(composer: Ada R. Habershon and Charles H. Gabriel; AP Carter)

(number: 1907)

G

ch. Will the circle be unbroken

By and by Lord, by and by,

Em

There's a better world home a-waiting

G

In the sky Lord, in the sky.

G

1. I was standing by my window

On a cold and cloudy day

Em

When I saw that hearse come rolling

D

G

For to carry my mother away.

(Chorus)

Lord, I told that undertaker, Undertaker please drive slow For this body that you are hauling Lord, I hate to see her go.

(Chorus)

3. I will follow close behind her Tried to hold up and be brave But I could not hide my sorrow When they laid her in the grave.

(Chorus)

4. I went back home, my home was lonesome Now my mother she was gone All my brothers, sisters crying What a home so sad and alone

(Chorus)

The Wolves Artist: Watchhouse Key: Bm Book: Americana (Tag) | **Bm G** | **A D** | | x4 1. At my gate I'll always greet you. At my door you're welcome in There can be no transgression. As a means to an end On the wind the wolves are howling Open arms are closed in fear Helping hands are clenched in anger Broken hearts beyond repair D D/C#Bm **ch.** Everything's so great it can't get better, makes me wanna cry But I'll go out howling at the moon tonight (Tag x2) 2. There she stands, so tall and mighty With her keen and watchful eye And the heart of a mother Holding out her guiding light It's a hard road to travel Solid rock from end to end The sun, it rises on her brow And sets upon great expanse (Chorus + Tag x2) Her gaze facing the east **3.** There she stands, so tall and mighty At her back our doors are closing As we grin and bare our teeth On the wind the wolves are howling She cries they're drawing near Turn around, turn around my darling Oh, the wolves are here (Chorus + Tag x2)

Wreck of the Old 97

Artist: Woody Guthrie; Johnny Cash

Key: G

Book: Bluegrass, Americana

3

1. Well, they gave him his orders at Monroe, Virginia

Sayin' Steve you're way behind time

G C

This is not Thirty Eight, this is Old Ninety-Seven

D

You must put her into Spencer on time

- 2. Then he turned around and said to his black greasy fireman Shovel on a little more coal And when we cross that wide oak mountain Watch Old Ninety-Seven roll
- 3. But it's a mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville On a line with a three mile grade It was on that grade that he lost his air brakes See what a jump he made
- 4. He was goin' down the grade makin' ninety miles an hour His whistle broke into a scream He was found in the wreck with his hand on the throttle a-scalded to death by the steam
- 5. Then a telegram come to Washington station And this is how it read Well that brave engineer that run Old Ninety-Seven He's a-lyin' in ol' Danville dead
- **6.** So now, all you ladies you better take a warnin' From this time on and learn
 Never speak harsh words to your true lovin' husband He may leave you and never return

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Major Key	┌ ^{1/2} Step┐				Relative Minor	1/2 5		
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tablature Scales
A x01230	Bm	C#m	D xx0132	023100	F#m	G#m7b5	x01230	2-4-5- -2-4
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Capo Reference Chart

Option 1: Cross reference the chord and capo position to see the actual chord **Example:** The "D" chord played with your capo on the "3rd fret" is an "F"

Саро	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Α	Bb	В	С	Db	D	Eb	E	F
С	Db	D	Eb	Е	F	Gb	G	Ab
D	Eb	E	F	Gb	G	Ab	Α	Bb
E	F	Gb	G	Ab	Α	Bb	В	С
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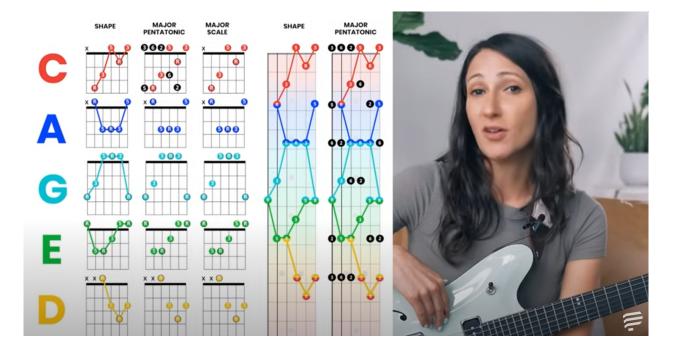
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Саро	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ab	G1			E4		D6		C8
Α		G2			E5		D7	
Bb	A1		G3			E6		D8
В		A2		G4			E7	
С			А3		G5			E8
Db	C1			A4		G6		
D		C2			A5		G7	
Eb	D1		C3			A6		G8
E		D2		C4			Α7	
F	E1		D3		C5			A8
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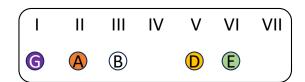
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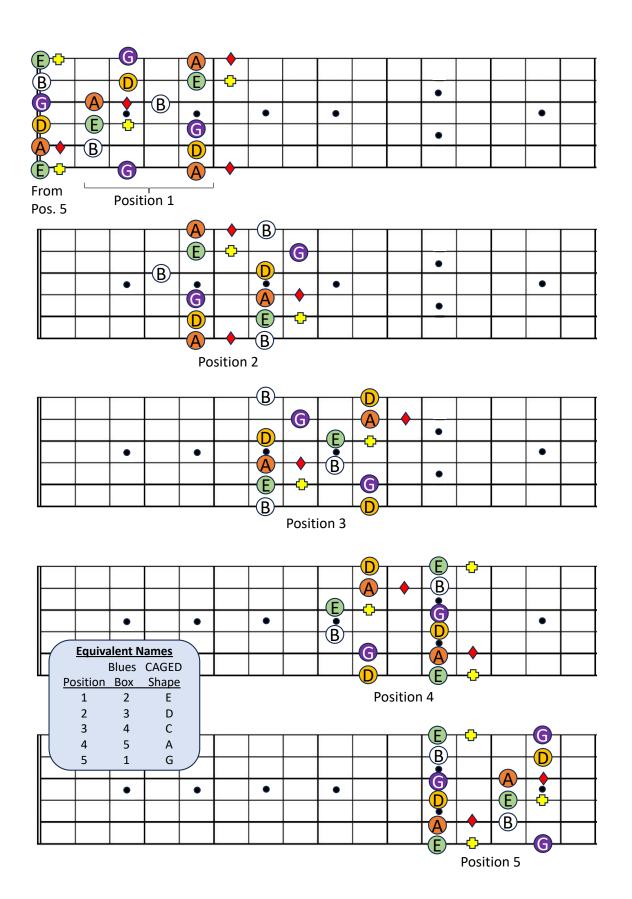
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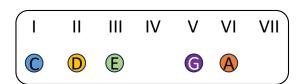
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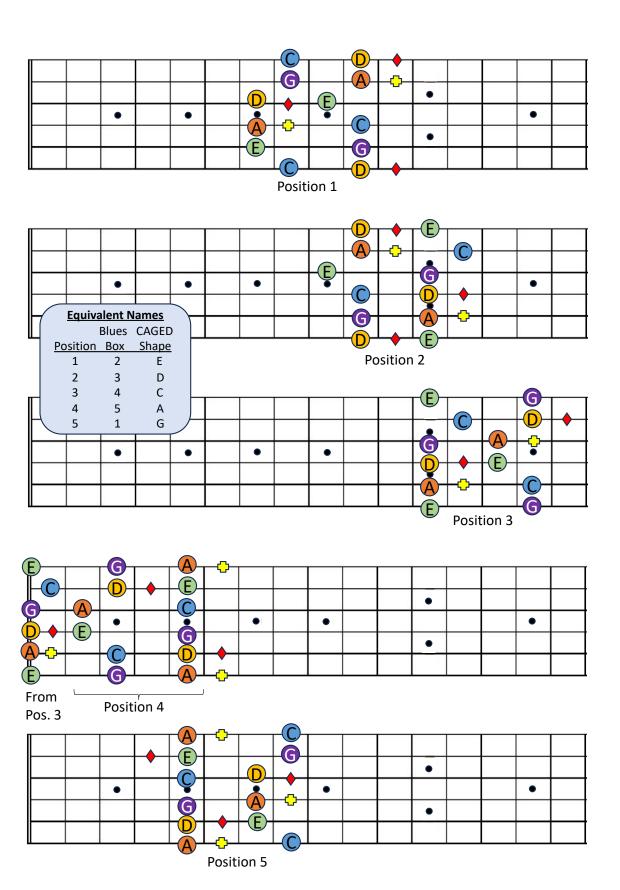




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