Country Jam Song Book

Front Porch Pickin' Songs

From Classics to Contemporary

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All My Exes Live in Texas

Chorus G D **D7** All my Ex's live in Texas D7 Am7 G Am And Texas is the place I'd dearly love to be **D7** All my Ex's Live in Texas **D7** G And that's why I hang my hat in Tennessee Verse 1 G Am Rosanna's down in Texarkana wanted me to push her broom **D7** D G Sweet Eileen's in Abilene she forgot I hung the moon And Allison's in Galveston somehow lost her sanity **A7 D7** And Dimples who now lives in Temple's got the law looking for me **To Chorus** Verse 2: G Am I remember that ole Frio River where I learned to swim **D7 D7** G But it brings to mind another time where I wore my welcome thin By transcendental meditation I go there each night **A7** D **D7** But I always come back to myself long before daylight **To Chorus** Tag: **D7 D7** D Some folks think I'm hiding it's been rumored that I died But I'm alive and well in Tennessee

Key of C Modulate to D

Intro C Em F G C Em F G

C Em F C
Amarillo by morning up from San Antone
C Em F G
Everything that I got is just what I got on
F G
When that sun is high in that Texas sky
C Em F
I'll be bucking at the county fair
C G F G7 C
Amarillo by morning Amarillo I'll be there
Riff: C Em F G
C Em F C
They took my saddle in Houston broke my leg in Sante Fe
C Em F G
Lost my wife and a girlfriend somewhere along the way
F G
But I'll be looking for eight when they pull that gate
C Em F
And I hope that judge ain't blind
C G7 F G C
Amarillo by morning, Amarillo's on my mind
Break C Em F G Key Change to D

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Amari	illo by mo	orning เ	ıp from	n San Ant	one			
D	F	#m G	;	A7				
Every	thing tha	t I got i	s just v	what I got	on			
	G	-	_	A7				
I ain't	got a din	ne but v	what I	got is min	е			
	D	F#m	G					
I ain't	rich but l	Lord I'n	n free					
D	A7		G	A7	D			
Amari	illo by mo	orning A	Amarill	o's where	I'll be			
D	Å7		G	A7	D			
Amari	illo by mo	orning A	Amarill	o's where	I'll be			

Outro Fiddle: D F#m G A x3 end on D

Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain (D) Fred Rose

[Verse 1]	[Verse 2]
D	D
In the twilight glow I see her,	Now my hair has turned to silver,
A7 D blue eyes cryin' in the rain.	A7 D all my life I've loved in vain.
D As we kissed goodbye and parted,	D I can see her star in heaven,
A7 D D7 I knew we'd never meet again.	A7 D D7 Blue eyes cryin' in the rain.
G Love is like a dyin' ember,	G Someday when we meet up yonder
D A7 Where only memories remain.	D A7 We'll stroll hand-in-hand again.
D Through the ages I'll remember,	D Through the land that knows no partin'
A7 D Blue eyes cryin' in the rain.	A7 D Blue eyes cryin' in the rain.
	A7 D Blue eyes cryin' in the rain.
	A7 G D Blue eyes cryin' in the rain.

Forever and Ever – Amen Overstreet & Schlitz (Travis)

		VERSE 1
D	G	D
You may think th	at I'm talk	king foolish
G		D
You've heard that	I'm wild	and I'm free
G		D
You may wonder	how I can	n promise you now
\mathbf{E}		A7
This love that I fe	el for you	ı always will be
D	\mathbf{G}	D
Well, you're not j	ast time th	hat I'm killing
G]	D
I'm no longer one	of those g	guys
G	D	
As sure as I live the	nis love th	nat I give
E		A7
Is gonna be yours	until the	day that I die,

CHORUS

	D	\mathbf{G}	D	\mathbf{G}		D
Oh Baby,	I'm gonna	a love you	forever,	forever	and ever	amen
G		D				
As long a	s old men	sit and tall	c about t	he weatl	ner	
E			A7			
As long a	s old won	nen sit and	talk abo	ut old m	en	
D	G	1 T	D			
If you wo	nder how	long I'll be	faithful			
G		\mathbf{E}				
I'll be hap	py to tell	you again				
G	A7	D	\mathbf{G}	\mathbf{E}	A7	D
I'm gonna	love you	forever an	d ever f	orever a	nd ever	amen

Breaks Half Verse/ To Chorus

VERSE	2
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, E113E =
D G D
They say time takes its toll on a body
G D
Makes the young girl brown hair turn grey
G D
Well, honey, I don't care, I ain't in love with your hair
E A7
And if it all fell out well, I'd love you anyway
D G D
They say that time can play tricks on memory
G D
Make people forget things they knew
G D
Well, it's easy to see it's happening to me
E A7
I've already forgotten every woman but you,
CHORUS and Out
D G D G
Oh Darlin I'm gonna love you forever, forever and ever amen
G D
As long as old men sit and talk about the weather
E A7
As long as old women sit and talk about old men
D G D
If you wonder how long I'll be faithful
G E
Just listen to how this song ends
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
I'm gonna love you forever and ever, forever and ever, amen
$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{A7} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{A7} \end{bmatrix}$
I'm gonna love you forever and ever, forever and ever Bm G E A7 N.C. D
Bm G E A7 N.C. D

Forever and ever, forever and ever ... A - men

Folsom Prison Blues (aka Crescent City Blues-Jenkins) Cash

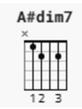
Intro B 7 E

Ε Ε I hear the train a comin' I bet there's rich folks eatin' It's rollin' 'round the bend In a fancy dining car They're probably drinkin' coffee And I ain't seen the sunshine E7 E7 Since, I don't know when And smokin' big cigars I'm stuck in Folsom Prison But I know I had it comin' And time keeps draggin' on I know I can't be free B7 But those people keep a-movin' But that train keeps a-rollin' On down to San Antone And that's what tortures me Ε Ε When I was just a baby Well, if they freed me from this prisor If that railroad train was mine My Mama told me, "Son Always be a good boy I bet I'd move it on a little E7 Don't ever play with guns" Farther down the line But I shot a man in Reno Far from Folsom Prison That's where I want to stay Just to watch him die B7 B7 When I hear that whistle blowin' And I'd let that lonesome whistle I hang my head and cry Blow my blues away

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Bm
Out where the bright lights are glowing
You're drawn like a moth to a flame
                    A7
You laugh while the wine's over-flowing
               E7
While I sit and whisper your name
CHORUS:
A
              Bm
                        E7
Four walls to hear me. Four walls to see.
    A7
               D
                                E7
                                      A
                        A
Four walls too near me, Closing in on me.
CHORUS:
Sometimes I ask while I'm waiting
       E7
But my walls have nothing to say
                  A7
I'm made for love not for hating
                  E7
So here where you left me I'll stay
(REPEAT CHORUS)
One night with you is like heaven
And so while I'm walking the floor
                   A7
I listen for steps in the hallway
                  E7
And wait for your knock on my door
(REPEAT CHORUS)
            A
                     E7
     (rit.) Closing in on me
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Friends in Low Places – Lee & Blackwell (Garth Brooks)

A	A#dim7	Bm	Bm
Blame it all on my roots E	s, I showed up in bo	oots And ruined	your black tie affair A
The last one to know, t	he last one to show A#dim7	I was the last o	ne you thought you'd see there Dm
7.			k his glass of champagne
E E	E	E	E E
	, "Honey, we may b	e through But y	ou'll never hear me complain
,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		•
CHORUS:			
Α	Α	Α	Α
'Cause I've got friends	in low places, where	e the whiskey d	rowns and the beer chases
Bm Bm	E E		
My blues away An	d I'll be OK		
A A		Α	Α
Yeah, I'm not big on so	cial graces, think I'	ll slip on down t	o the oasis
Bm E	Α		
Oh, I've got friends in le	ow places		
Α	A#dim7	Bm	Bm
Well, I guess I was wro	• .	ng But then I've	been there before
_ E	E	Α	A
Everything's all right, I'l		t And I'll show	nyself to the door
= =	A#dim7	Bm	Dm
Hey, I didn't mean to ca			our and then
E E	E E	E E	
│Well, I'll be as high as t	that ivory tower Tha	t you're livin' in	



CHORUS 3X

Ghost Riders in the Sky Stan Jones - (Johnny Cash)

Am				<u> </u>	
An old co	wboy we	nt riding οι	ıt one /	dark and wi	ndy day
Am			С		
U/pon a r	idge he r	ested as he	/ wen	t along his w	ay
Am					
	ll at once	a mighty h	erd of r	ed-eyed cow	s he saw
F					Am
Plowing t	hrough th	ne ragged s	kies a	and up a clou	dy / draw
Am				С	
Their brai	nds were	still on fire	and the	eir / hooves v	vere made of steel
Am				С	
Their hor	ns were b	olack and sh	niny and	their /hot l	oreath he could feel
Am					
A bolt of	fear went	t through h	im as th	ey thundere	d through the sky
F					Am
For he/ sa	w the ric	ders coming	hard	and he h	eard their mournful / cry
Am	С		Am	F	Am
Yippie i-	/ oh	Yippie i-	/ ay	/ gho	ost riders in the / sky
Am				С	
	oc gaunt t	hoir ovoc w	oro blu		shirts all soaked with sweat
Am	s gaunt t	ileli eyes w	reie biu	<u>C</u>	silits all soaked with sweat
	ding hard	to catch th	hat hard		ain't caught 'em yet
Am	anig nare	to caten ti	iat nere	abat / they	ani t caagni ciii yet
	v've got	to ride fore	ver on t	that range up	in the sky
F	y ve got	to ride fore	VC1 011 (mat range ap	Am
	s snorting	g fire as the	ev ride c	n hear their	
Am	С	,	Am	F	Am
Yippie yi-		Yippie i-	/ ay		st riders in the / sky
Am	,	t. l. v.	, <u>.,</u>	, 6.10	,,
	ers loped	on by him		rd one call hi	s name
Am		21. 27 1	. 5,	C	- · · · · · ·
	nt to save	e vour soul	from he	ell a / riding o	n our range
Am		7 - 20 - 30 - 61		. ,	- 0-
	bov char	nge vour wa	vs toda	y or with us y	you will ride
F	,	<u> </u>	,	,	Am
	catch the	devil's her	d acros	s these endl	
Am	С		Am	F	Am
Yippie y	i / oh	Yippie-	/ ay	/ gho	st riders in the / sky
F		Am			
ghost ride	ers in the	/ sky			

Going Down This Road Feeling Bad

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A A7
Going down this road feeling bad. I'm going down this road feeling bad.
I'm going down this road feeling bad, Lord, Lord;
And, I ain't gonna be treated this a way.
                                            D
                                                                     A A7
                                   A7
These two dollar shoes hurt my feet. These two dollar shoes hurt my feet.
These two dollar shoes hurt my feet, Lord, Lord;
And, I ain't gonna be treated this a way.
***BREAK***
                                   A7
They feed me on corn bread and beans. They feed me on corn bread and beans.
They feed me on corn bread and beans, Lord, Lord;
And, I ain't gonna be treated this a way.
I'm going where the chilly winds don't blow.
I'm going where the chilly winds don't blow.
I'm going where the chilly winds don't blow, Lord, Lord;
And, I ain't gonna be treated this a way.
***BREAK***
I'm going where the water tastes like wine
I'm going where the water tastes like wine
I'm going where the water tastes like wine, Lord, Lord
And, I ain't gonna be treated this a way
{\tt I'm} going where the weather suits my clothes
I'm going where the weather suits my clothes
I'm going where the weather suits my clothes, Lord, Lord
And, I ain't gonna be treated this a way
***BREAK***
(Repeat #1)
TAG: E
And, I ain't gonna be treated this a way.
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Good Hearted Woman Jennings & Nelson

\mathbf{D}_{I}
A long time forgotten the dreams that just fell by the way
A7 A A7 D
The good life he promised ain't what she's livin' today
But she never complains of the bad times
D7 G
Or the bad things he's done, lord
A7 A
She just talks about the good times they've had
A7 D
And all the good times to come
[Chorus]

	[C	norusj						
D		D7	G					
She's a good hearted wo	oman in love	with a good	timin' man					
A7	Α	A7 D)					
She loves him in spite of	his ways sh	e don't unde	rstand					
D			D7	G				
Through teardrops & lau	ghter they'll p	oass through	n this world h	nand in hand				
A7 A	A7 A	D						
A good hearted woman, lovin' a good timin' man								
[Verse 2]								
D	D7		G					
He likes the bright lights	and night life	and good ti	me friends					
A7	A		A 7	D				
And when the party's all	over she'll w	elcome him	back home a	again				
D			D7	G				
Lord-knows-she don't ur	derstand him	n but she do	es the best t	hat she can				
A7 A	A7 A	A D						

TO Chorus and Out

Modulate to E for Fun E E7 A B7 E etc.

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He'll Have to Go-Allison A ( 3/4)
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A A Put your sweet lips a little closer to the phone Lets pretend that we're together all alone I'll tell the man to turn the juke-box way down low And you can tell your friend there with you **E7** He'll have to go D Whisper to me tell me do you love me true **E7** Or is he holding you the way I do Tho' love is blind make up your mind I've got to know **E7** Should I hang up or will you tell him **A7** He'll have to go You can't say the words I-want-to-hear while You're with another man If you want me answer yes or no A Darling I will understand Put your sweet lips a little closer to the phone Let's pretend that we're together all alone I'll tell the man to turn the juke-box way down low And you can tell your friend there with you He'll have to go

Break to Melody of 3rd Verse Then Sing Verse 4 and Out

I Hope You Dance Sanders & Sanders (Leann Womack)

INTRO: Em, C, G, D Em C D x2

G	Verse 1
I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,	
Em	
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,	
C	
May you never take one single breath for granted,	
D	
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed	
C D G	Verse 2
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,	
C D G	
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens, Am G/B C	
Promise me that you'll give fate a fighting chance,	
Am D	
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.	
CHORUS	Chorus
Em C G D Em C D	Onoras
I hope you dance I hope you dance	
G	Verse 3
I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,	
Ém Ém	
Never settle for the path of least resistance,	
C	
Livin' might mean takin' chances, but they're worth takin',	
D	
Lovin' might be a mistake, but it's worth makin',	
C D G	Verse 4
Don't let some Hell bent heart leave you bitter,	
C D G	
When you come close to sellin' out reconsider,	
Am G/B C	
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance, Am C D	
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance. To CHORUS Repeat Verse 2	To Ch
Em C G D Em C D Em G C D	Out
Dance I hope you dance I Hope you dance x 3	Jul

(Background Lyric)

Time - is a wheel in constant motion - always rolling us along,

Tell me who - wants to look back on their years And wonder - where those years have gone.

CHORUS						
С						
If I needed you, would you come to me?						
C F G C						
Would you come to me for to ease my pain?						
C						
If you needed me, I would come to you						
C F G C I would swim the sea for to ease your pain						
I would ownin the sea for to ease your pain						
VERSE 1						
С						
Well, in the night's forlorn, and the morning's born						
C F G C						
And the morning's born shines with the lights of love						
C						
And you'll miss sunrise if you close your eyes						
C F G C						
And that would break my heart in two						
Instrumental (Play melody of Verse)						
TO CHORUS						
Verse 2						
С						
Baby's with me now since I showed her how						
C F G C						
To lay her lily hand in mine						
C						
Who could ill agree, she's a sight to see						
F G C A treasure for the poor to find						

TO CHORUS and Out

I'm So Lonesome I could Cry (A) --Hank Williams --1950 Before Words & Music by Hank Williams (3/4) (A)

A Hear that lonesome whippoorwill **A7** He sounds too blue to fly The midnight train is whining low I'm so lonesome I could cry I've never seen a night so long When time goes crawling by_ D The moon just went behind a cloud E7 To hide its face and cry **Breaks** Did you ever see a robin weep **A7** When leaves begin to die That means he's lost the will to live E7 A I'm so lonesome I could cry The silence of a falling star **A7** Lights up a purple sky And as I wonder where you are I'm so lonesome I could cry

I Walk the Line – Johnny Cash

в7 Ε I keep a close watch on this heart of mine **B7** I keep my eyes wide open all the time I keep the ends out for the tie that binds **B7** Because you're mine I walk the line в7 I find it very very easy to be true в7 I find myself alone when each day is through Yes I'll admit I'm a fool for you в7 Because you're mine I walk the line **B7** As sure as night is dark and day is light в7 I keep you on my mind both day and night And happiness I've known proves that it's right в7 Because you're mine I walk the line в7 You've got a way to keep me on your side **B7** You give me cause for love that I can't hide For you I know I'd even try to turn the tide **B7** \mathbf{E} Because you're mine I walk the line

Jolene -Dolly Parton

CHORUS (Start with Chorus)

Am	С	G	Am			
Jolene,	Jolene,	Jolene,	Jolene			
G				Am		
		ม, please,		e my man		
Am	С	G	Am			
_	Jolene,	Jolene,	Jolene			
G	مامية الماميم	Jahan Israel	h · · · - ·	Am		
Please,	don't take	nim just	pecause !	you can		
Am	(2		G	Am	
	autv is be	vond com	npare With	_	ocks of auburn	hair
G	,	J		Am Š		
With ivo	ry skin an	d eyes of	emerald	green		
Ar	-	C		G	An	ı
Your sm	ile is like	a breath o	of spring \	Your voice	is soft like sur	nmer rain
G			Am			
And I ca	nnot com	pete with	you, Jole	ne		
A		•		•	A	
Am ⊔o talka	about va	C	oon And t	G boro'o pot	Am	o koon
ne laiks	about yo	u in nis si	eep And i	Am	hing I can do t	о кеер
From cr	yin' when	he calle v	our name			
Am	£	C			Am	
		•	_		easily take my	man
	G		,	Am	casily tarks my	
But you	don't kno	w what he	e means t	o me, Jole	ne	
,				S Then Bi		
Am		С		G	Am	
You cou	ıld have y	our choice	e of men l	But I could	never love ag	ain
G		-	Am ·			
	only one	_	_		_	
Am		C	G		Am	
i nad to	_	taik with	<u>_</u>		epends on you	J
And who	G stover vol	ı dacida t	Am Oldo Jolo			
Allu Wila	atever you	i decide li	o do, Joie	IIC		

To Chorus (Tag "Jolene x2" (Am) Then Tag last two lines

King of the Road

G C D7 G
Trailer for sale or rent rooms to let fifty cents
G C D7
No phone no pool no pets I ain't got no cigarettes ah but
G C D7 G
Two hours of pushing broom buys an eight by twelve four-bit room, I'm a
G C D7 G
man of means by no means King of the Road
G C D7 G
Third box car midnight train destination Bangor Maine
G C D7
Old worn out suit and shoes I don't pay no union dues
G C D7 G
I smoke old stogies I have found short but not too big around
G C D7 G
I'm a man of means by no means King of the Road
G C
I know every engineer on every train
D7 G
All of the children and all of their names
G C
And every handout in every town
D7
And every lock that ain't locked when no one's around
G C D7 G
I sing Trailer for sale or rent rooms to let fifty cents
G C D7
No phone no pool no pets I ain't got no cigarettes ah but
G C D7 G
Two hours of pushing broom buys an eight by twelve four-bit room
G C D7 G D7 G
I'm a man of means by no means King of the Road King of the Road

Kiss an Angel Good Mornin – Peters (Charlie Pride)

VERSE 1
G C
When ever I chance to meet, some old friends on the street
D G D
They wonder how does a man get to be this way G C
I've always got a smilin' face, any time and any place D
And every time they ask me why I just smile & say
CHORUS
N/C G D
You've got to kiss an angel good morning
C G /
And let her know you think about her when you're gone G D
Kiss an angel good morning
C G
And love her like the devil when you get back home
VERSE 2
G C
Well people may try to guess, the secret of a happiness D G D
But some of them never learn it's a simple thing G C
The secret I'm speaking of, is a woman and a man in love D G
And the answer is in this song that I always sing
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TO Chorus x 2 and Out

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Last Thing on My Mind Paxton C/G G G D7 G Intro (Harp G Well, I could have loved you better, Didn't mean to be unkind, You know that was the last thing on my mind. C/G G G It's a lesson too late for the learnin', G D7 Made of sand, made of sand C/G G In the wink of an eye my soul is turnin', G D7 In your hand, in your hand. **CHORUS** С G D D Are you going away with no word of farewell, С Will there be not a trace left behind? C/G G G Well, I could have loved you better, Didn't mean to be unkind, D7 You know that was the last thing on my mind. G C/G G G You've got reasons a-plenty for goin', D7 C/G This I know, this I know. G C/G For the weeds have been steadily growin', G D 7 Please don't go, please don't go. CHORUS C/G G G G As I lie in my bed in the mornin', C/G G D7 G

C/G G D7 G G
Without you, without you.
G C/G G
Every song in my breast lies a bornin',
C/G G D7 G
Without you, without you.

CHORUS

Sing last line 3 times with C chord at end resolving to G

Live Forever – Billy Joe Shaver / Highwaymen

Intro: G//Em/C/D/G Key of G

G	C G				
I'm gonna live forever	When this old world is blown asunder				
Em	D G				
I'm gonna cross that river	And all the stars fall from the sky				
C D G	C G				
I'm gonna catch tomorrow now	Remember someone really loves you				
G	D G				
You're gonna wanna hold me	We'll live forever you and I				
Em					
Just like I always told you	G				
C D G	I'm gonna live forever				
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone	Em				
	I'm gonna cross that river				
C G	C D G				
Nobody here will ever find me	I'm gonna catch tomorrow now				
D G					
But I will always be around	G				
C G	I'm gonna live forever				
Just like the songs I leave behind me	Em				
D G	I'm gonna cross that river				
I'm gonna live forever now	C D G				
Break G//Em//C/D/G x 2	I'm gonna catch tomorrow now				
G	Break G//Em//C/D/G x 2				
You fathers and you mothers	G				
Em	I'm gonna live forever				
Be good to one another	Em				
C D G	I'm gonna cross that river				
Please try to raise your children right	C D G				
G	I'm gonna catch tomorrow now				
Don't let the darkness take 'em					
Em	Break G//Em//C/D/G x 2				
Don't make them feel forsaken	G				
C D G	I'm gonna live forever				
Just lead 'em safely to the light	Em				
	I'm gonna cross that river				
	C D G				
	I'm gonna catch tomorrow now				

Louisiana Saturday Night – Mc Dill (Williams)

CHORUS 1st time a capella

Well, you [D]get down the fiddle and you [A]get down the bow [G]Take off your shoes and you [D]throw them on the floor Dance in the kitchen till the [A]mornin' light [G]Louisiana [A]Saturday [D]night

[D]Waiting in the front yard [A]sitting on a log [G]Single-shot rifle and a [D]one-eyed dog Yonder come the kinfolk, [A]in the moonlight [G]Louisiana [A]Saturday [D]night

CHORUS

[D]My brother Bill and my [A]other brother Jack
[G]Belly full of beer and a [D]possum in a sack
Fifteen kids in the [A]front porch light
[G]Louisiana [A]Saturday [D]night

CHORUS

[D]Kinfolk leave and the [A]kids get fed
[G]Me and my woman gonna [D]sneak off to bed
We'll have a little fun when we [A]turn out the light
[G]Louisiana [A]Saturday [D]night

CHORUS X3

Making Believe (D) – Jimmy Work

Jimmy Work - "Making Believe" (youtube.com)

G D Making believe that you still love me **A7** And it's leaving me alone and so blue I'll always dream still I'll never own you **A7** Making believe is all I can do CHORUS **A7** I can't hold you close when you're not with me You're somebody's love and you'll never be mine Making believe I'll spend my lifetime Loving you and making believe Making believe that I never lost you But my happy hours I find are so few My plans for the future will never come true **A7** Making believe what else can I do (REPEAT Chorus)

Mama Tried (A) – Merle Haggard

The first thing I remember knowing was a lonesome whistle blowing A D E7

And a youngun's dream of growing up to ride A D A D

On a freight train leaving town not knowing where I'm bound A E7 A

And no one could change my mind but Mama Tried

D A D

One and only Rebel child from a family meek and mild A D E7

My mama seemed to know what lay in store A D

Spite all my Sunday learning with the bad I kept on turning A E7 A

Till mama couldn't hold me anymore

Chorus

D
A
And I turned twenty-one in prison doing life without parole
E7
No one could steer me right but Mama Tried Mama Tried
A
D
A
Mama Tried to raise me better but her pleading I denied
E7
A
And that leaves only me to blame cause Mama Tried

D A D

Dear ole' daddy rest his soul left my mom a heavy load A D E7

She tried so very hard to fill his shoes
A D A D

Working hours without rest wanted me to have the best A E7

She tried to raise me right but I refused

Repeat chorus

My Heroes Have Always Ben Cowboys - Vaughn (Nelson) 3/4 Key of D

Intro: Vamp on D
D G D
I grew up a-dreamin' of bein' a cowboy And lovin' the cowboy ways
D E7 A7
Pursuin' the life of my high-ridin' heroes I burned up my childhood days
D G D
I learned all the rules of a modern-day drifter Don't you hold on to nothin' too long
G D G D A7 D
Take what you need from the ladies, then leave them With the words of a sad country song
Chorus
G D E7 A7
My heroes have always been cowboys And they still are, it seems
G D G D A7 D
Sadly, in search of, but one step in back of Themselves and their slow-movin' dreams
Breaks
D G D
Cowboys are special with their own brand of misery From bein' alone too long
D E7 A7
You can die from the cold in the arms of a nightmare Knowin' well that your best days are gone
D G D
Pickin' up hookers instead of my pen I let the words of my youth fade away
G D G D A7 D
Old worn-out saddles, and old worn-out memories With no one and no place to stay
Chorus Last
G D E7 A7
My heroes have always been cowboys And they still are, it seems
G D G D A7 D
Sadly, in search of, but one step in back of Themselves and their slow-movin' dreams
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TAG:
G D G D A7 G D
Sadly, in search of, but one step in back of Themselves and their slow-movin' dreams

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A
We don't smoke marijuana in Muskogee
We don't take our trips on LSD
We don't burn our draft cards down on Main Street
We like living right and being free
A
We don't make a party out of loving
We like holding hands and pitching woo
We don't let our hair grow long and shaggy
Like the hippies out in San Francisco do
Chorus
And I'm proud to be an Okie from Muskogee
A place where even squares can have a ball
We still wave Old Glory down at the courthouse
And white lightning's still the biggest thrill of all
Leather boots are still in style for manly footwear
Beads and Roman sandals won't be seen
Football's still the roughest thing on campus
And the kids here still respect the college dean
To (Chorus)
TAG:
We still wave Old Glory down at the courthouse
In Muskogee Oklahoma U. S. A.
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On the Road Again - Willie Nelson

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G B7
On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again.
Am
The life I love is makin' music with my friends.
C D G
And I can't wait to get on the road again.
Verse
G B7
On the road again, going places that I've never been
Am
Seein' things that I may never see again.
And I can't wait to get on the road again.
BRIDGE
C G
On the road again, like a band of gypsies we go down the highway
C G D
We're the best of friends, insisting that the world keep turnin' our way, and our
way is:
VERSE
G B7
On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again.
Am
The life I love is makin' music with my friends.
C D G
And I can't wait to get on the road again.
Breaks (Follow Verse)
(G // B7// Am / C D / G) (G // B7// Am / C D / G)
C G
On the road again, like a band of gypsies we go down the highway
C G D
We're the best of friends, insisting that the world keep turnin' our way, and our
way is
G B7
On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again.
Am
The life I love is makin' music with my friends.
C D G
And I can't wait to get on the road again. <i>(Tag)</i>
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Rocky Top Key of G (Boudleaux Bryant and Felice Bryant)

G C G Wish that I was on old Rocky T	Em Top down in th	D e Tennesse	G e Hills
G C G	Em	D	G
Ain't no smoggy smoke on Roo	cky Top ain't n	o telephone	bills
G C G Once I had a girl on Rocky Top	Em half Bear the	_ `	Gat
G C G Wild as a mink but sweet as so		D dream abou	G t that
	CHORUS		
Em D F Rocky Top you'll always be hor		C ne to me	
C G Good ole Rocky Top Rocky Top	F G p Tennessee F		•
BREAKs			'
G C Once two strangers climbed ol	_	m ooking for a	D G moonshine still
		•	
G C Strangers ain't come down from	G m Rocky Top I	Em	D G y never will
_	m Rocky Top I Em	Em reckon the D	y never will G
Strangers ain't come down from C G	m Rocky Top I Em Ty Top the dirt's Em	Em reckon the D s too rocky	y never will G by far G
Strangers ain't come down from G C G Corn won't grow at all on Rock G C G That's why all the folks on Roc	m Rocky Top I Em Ty Top the dirt's Em ky Top get the To Chorus	Em reckon the D s too rocky D sir corn from	y never will G by far G
Strangers ain't come down from G C G Corn won't grow at all on Rock G C G That's why all the folks on Roc	m Rocky Top I Em Ty Top the dirt's Em ky Top get the	Em reckon the D s too rocky D eir corn from ords)	y never will G by far G
Strangers ain't come down from G C G Corn won't grow at all on Rock G C G That's why all the folks on Roc Break	m Rocky Top I Em Ty Top the dirt's Em ky Top get the To Chorus k1: (Verse Ch 2 (Chorus Ch	Em reckon the D s too rocky D ir corn from ords) nords)	y never will G by far G a jar

To Chorus and Out

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D7
Deep within my heart lies a mel-ody
A song of old San Antone
                  D7
                                   E7
Where in dreams I live with a mem-ory
 A7
Beneath the stars all alone
               D7
                     G
                                E7
It was there I found beside the Alamo
 A7
Enchantment strange as the blue up above
          D7
                   G
A moonlit pass that only she would know
Still hears my broken song of love
A7
                                E7
Moon in all your splendor know only my heart
                            A7
Call back my Rose Rose of San Antone
                  E7
Lips so sweet and tender like petals falling apart
                        A
Speak once again of my love my own
            D7
                  G
D
                          E7
Broken song empty words I know
     A7
Still live in my heart all alone
                     D7
                             G
                                E7
For that moonlit pass by the Ala-mo
    A7
And Rose my Rose of San Antone
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Sweetheart Darlin' of Mine – Claire Lynch

Verse 1	Verse 3
G G	G G
I remember the day that I met you	I can't tell what this life has to offer
G C	G C
As clear as the blue in your eyes	Or just what tomorrow will hold
D D	D D
I knew from the moment I saw you	But I know this old world will keep spinnin'
D G	D G
We'd have a love for all time	And together someday we'll grow old
Verse 2	Verse 4
G G	G G
Now year after year it's still growing	Every evenin' the stars will keep burnin'
G C	G C
Like the flower that blooms on the vine	Every mornin' the sun will still shine
D D	D D
Oh say that you'll love me forever	Just as long as I have you beside me
D G	D G
Sweetheart darlin' of mine	Sweetheart darlin' of mine
Sweetheart darting of filling	Sweetheart darting of filling
Chorus	Chorus
G G	G G
Sweetheart darlin' of mine	Sweetheart darlin' of mine
C G D	C G D
I'll search this world over but I'll never find	I'll search this world over but I'll never find
G G	G G
A love as true or as kind	A love as true or as kind
C D G	C D G
Sweetheart darlin' of mine	Sweetheart, darlin' of mine
	CHORUS Last time
BREAKS	G G
Chorus Only	Sweetheart, darlin' of mine
	C G D
	I know in my soul that I'll never find
	G G
	A love as true or as kind
	C D G
	Sweetheart, darlin' of mine
	Tag:
	C G D G
	Oh sweetheart sweetheart, darlin' of mine.

Tennessee Waltz (A) Redd Stewart Pee Wee King (3/4)
Intro: Last Line of Verse (G D7 G)
G G7 C
I was dancin' with my darlin' to the Tennessee Waltz
G Em Am D7
When an old friend I happen'd to see
G G7 C
I introduced her to my darlin' and while they were dancin'
G D7 G
My friend stole my sweetheart from me
my mena store my sweetheart nom me
G B7 C G
I remember the night and the Tennessee Waltz
Em Am D7
Cause I know just how much I have lost
G G7 C
Yes I lost my sweet darlin' the night they were playin'
G D7 G
That beautiful Tennessee Waltz
BREAK S
a, a,
Now I wonder how a dance like the Tennessee waltz
G Em Am D7
Could have broken my heart so complete
G G7 C
But I couldn't blame my darling, who could help fallin'
G D7 G
In love with my darlin' so sweet
G B7 C G
Well it must be the fault of the Tennessee Waltz
Em Am D7
Wish I'd known just how much it would cost
G G7 C
But I didn't see it comin', its all over but the cryin'
G D7 G
Blame it all on the Tennessee waltz
G D7 C G
Blame it all on the Tennessee waltz

The Gambler Key of G Schlitz (Rogers) (Modulate to A)

G C G
On a warm summer's evening on a train bound for nowhere C G D
I met up with a gambler, we were both too tired to sleep C G
So we took turns a-staring out the window at the darkness C G D G
'Til boredom overtook us and he began to speak
G He said, "Son, I've made a life out of readin' people's faces C G D
Knowing what the cards were by the way they held their eyes
So if you don't mind my saying I can see you're out of aces
For a taste of your whiskey I'll give you some advice
So I handed him my bottle and he drank down my last swallow C G So I handed him my bottle and he drank down my last swallow C G - D
Then he bummed a cigarette and asked me for a light G C G
And the night got deathly quiet and his face lost all expression C G G
Said, "If you're gonna play the game, boy You gotta learn to play it right"
G C G
You got to know when to hold 'em ,know when to fold 'em C D
Know when to walk away and know when to run
G C G
You never count your money ,when you're sittin' at the table
There'll be time enough for countin' when the dealing's done
Key Change +1 Key of A A D A
Every gambler knows That the secret to surviving
D A E
Is knowing what to throw away knowing what to keep
A D A
'Cause every hand's a winner and every hand's a loser
D A E A
And the best that you can hope for Is to die in your sleep
A D A And when he finished speaking, he turned back toward the window
D A E
Crushed out his cigarette and faded off to sleep
A D A
And somewhere in the darkness the gambler, he broke even
D A E A
And in his final words I found an ace that I could keep To Chorus 3X IN A

CHORUS

The Highwayman -Jimmie Webb (Highwaymen)

Intro Am

Am G F Am ****
I was a highwayman. Along the coach roads I did ride
G F Am G ****
With sword and pistol by my side
Dm Am G F ****
Many a young maid lost her baubles to my trade
Dm Am G F ****
Many a soldier shed his lifeblood on my blade
Am G F G C ****
The bastards hung me in the spring of twenty-five
F G****
But I am still alive.
Am G F Am ****
I was a sailor. I was born upon the tide
G F Am G ****
And with the sea I did abide.
Dm Am G F ****
I sailed a schooner round the Horn to Mexico
Dm Am G F ****
I went aloft and furled the mainsail in a blow Am G F G C ****
And when the yards broke off they said that I got killed F G ****
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But I am living still.
Am G F Am ****
I was a dam builder across the river deep and wide
G F Am G ****
Where steel and water did collide
Dm Am G F ****
A place called Boulder on the wild Colorado
Dm Am G F ****
I slipped and fell into the wet concrete below
Am G F G C****
They buried me in that great tomb that knows no sound
F G ****
But I am still around
C C/A# Am Am/G F F/E Dm FGC
I'll always be around and around and around and around
Am G F Am ****
I'll fly a starship across the Universe divide
G F Am G ****
And when I reach the other side
Dm Am G F ****
I'll find a place to rest my spirit if I can
Dm Am G F ****
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Perhaps I may become a highwayman again Am G F G C ****
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Or I may simply be a single drop of rain F G
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But I will remain
C C/A# Am Am/G F F/E Dm FGC
And I'll be back again, and again and again and again

Together Again – Buck Owens

A7 The love that I knew Together again Is living again My tears have stopped falling **A7 A7** And nothing else matters The long lonely nights Now we're together again Are now at an end The key to my heart Together again You hold in your hand My tears have stopped falling **A7** But nothing else matters The long lonely nights Now we're together again Are now at an end Together again The key to my heart The gray skies are gone You hold in your hand You're back in my arms But nothing else matters Right where you belong Now we're together again

Hank Williams - You Win Again (youtube.com)

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D7
            G
                         C
The news is out all over town
                 G
                                 D7
That you've been seen a-running 'round
            G
I know that I should leave but then
                D7
I just can't go you win again
              C
                                G
This heart of mine could never see
                         D7
What everybody knew but me
                                C
Just trusting you was my great sin
           G
               D7
What can I do
                you win again
                        BREAKS
D7
          G
                           C
I'm sorry for your victim now
                G
                                     D7
'Cause soon his head like mine will bow
               G
                                 C
He'll give his heart but all in vain
                 D7
And someday say
                 you win again
            C
                               G
You have no heart you have no shame
                                 D7
You take true love and give the blame
I guess that I should not complain
                  D7
I love you still
                 you win again (TAG Last LINE)
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