

CAPO: 3rd FRET

INTRO:

C G Dm Am

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VERSE:

Am C G Dm
Simple as my mama said when I was very young

Am C
She told me not to worry, son

G Dm
One day you'll be someone

Am C
But here I am at twenty one

G Dm
As loaded as a stagecoach shotgun

Am
I'm sorry mamma
C G Dm Dm Dm Dm
Please don't look at me

VERSE:

Am C
Yeah, when I got to Oklahoma, I was seventeen

G Dm
My papa taught me how to work, and Lord, he was mean

Am C
Workin' all day in that August heat

G
And he taught me how to fish

Dm Dm Dm
My uncle taught me how to drink

VERSE:

Am C
Well, I went California and I had me a band

G **Dm**
 And we played in all the bars in all the Southern lands
Am **C**
 We played all night and we drank for free
G **Dm Dm Dm Dm**
 All of my boys and me

CHORUS:

Am **C** **G** **Dm**
 Now I'm 23 and there ain't nobody who can drink like me
Am **C** **G** **Dm**
 Soon I'll be 24, and the Lord knows that I can't drink no more
Am **C**
 I know I shoulda taken it slow
G **Dm** **Am C**
 It's not the way that my life goes
G **Dm Dm Dm Dm**
 Now I know
Am **C** **G**
 When you're passed out on the floor
Dm **Am C G Dm Dm Dm Dm**
 You're sober by 24

VERSE:

Am **C**
 Well, I had a girl who loved me the whole damn time
G **Dm**
 And I'd drink my whiskey and she'd drink wine
Am **C** **G Dm Dm Dm Dm**
 But soon, my bottle was too much to company
Am **C**
 Yeah, we'd sit on the river and we'd fish all day
G **Dm**
 And we'd drive across the country, let the radio play
Am **C** **G Dm F**
 Seven damn years, I never thought she'd leave
F Em Dm C

CHORUS:

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Am C G Dm
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Am C
I know I shoulda taken it slow
G Dm Am C
It's not the way that my life goes
G Dm Dm Dm Dm
Lord, I know
Am C G
When you're passed out on the floor
Dm Am C G Dm Am C G Dm Dm Dm Dm
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OUTRO:

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