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Alabama Bound – Leadbelly G

Chorus:

G (G6) (G6)
I'm Alab**a**ma bound (I'm Alab**a**ma bound)
C(C6) (C6)
I'm Alab**a**ma bound (I'm Alab**a**ma bound)
G (G7) (G7)
And if the train don't stop and turn around
G (G6) (G6)
I'm Alab**a**ma bound (I'm Alab**a**ma bound)

Don't you leave me here
Don't you you leave me here
But if you must go sweet Polly Ann

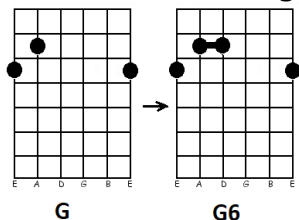
Leave me a dime for beer
Chorus

Well the Preacher preach
Pass his hat around
Crying "Brothers and Sisters leave your money to me"
I'm Alabama bound
Chorus

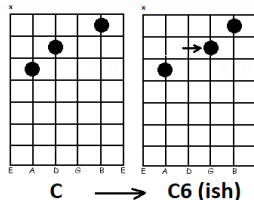
Well your hair don't curl
And your eyes ain't blue
But if you don't want me sweet Polly Ann
Then I don't want you
Chorus

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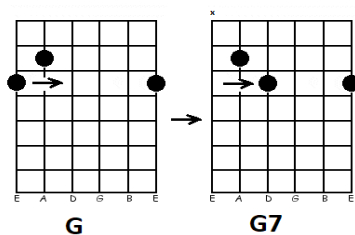
G6:- add 4th string 2nd fret to G



C6:- add 3rd string 2nd fret to C



G7:- add 4th string 3rd fret to G



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Does Your Chewing Gum Lose its Flavour C

G7 C G7 C
Oh me, oh my, oh you. Whatever shall I do?

F C G7 C
Hallelujah! The question is peculiar.

G7 C G7 C
I'd give a lot of dough if only I could know

D G
The answer to my question: Is it yes or is it no?

CHORUS:

G G7 C G7
Do-es yo-ur.. chewing gum lose its flavour on the bedpost overnight?

C
If your mother says don't chew it do you swallow it in spite?

F G7 C F
And you catch it on your tonsils and heave it left and right?

C F G7 C
Does your chewing gum lose its flavour on the bedpost overnight?

Here comes a blushing bride--The groom is by her side--
Up to the altar Steady as Gibraltar,
And the groom has got the ring,And it's such a pretty thing,
But as he sticks it on her finger, The choir begins to sing:
(Ch)

Now the nations rise as one to stand there on its own
Up to the White House,Yeah, the nation's only White House,
To voice their discontent unto the president
Upon the burning question which has swept this continent:
(Ch)

F G7 C
On the bed..post... over...night....
Y'know that I love you and I wanna hold you tight
On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday night.

F G7 C
On the bed..post... over...night....
A dollar is a dollar and a dime is a dime.
I'd sing another chorus but I haven't got the time.

F G7 C F G7 C
On the bed..post... over...night....

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Have a Drink on Me A (G capo 2)

G
In eighteen-eighty down a dusty road
C
Along came a miner with a big fat load
D **G** **D**
(hey hey everybody drink on me)
G
He was caked in dirt from his head to his foot
C
His hair so black that it looked like soot
D **G**
(hey hey everybody drink on me)
G
Well he reined in his mule and he hitched him to the rail
C
And he said "old feller it's the end of the trail"
D **G** **D**
(hey hey everybody drink on me)
G
Well he ambled down to the old saloon
C
He said "I know it's early and it ain't quite noon"
D **G**
But hey hey everybody drink on me"

Chorus:

G
"Have a drink, have a drink, have a drink on me
Em
Everybody have a drink on me
D **G** **D**
Hey hey everybody drink on me
G
Have a drink, have a drink, have a drink on me
Em
Everybody have a drink on me
D **G**
Hey hey everybody drink on me"

Well I just got a letter from down in Tennessee
It said my uncle died and left an oil well to me
Hey hey everybody drink on me
I've been digging all my life and I nearly got to Hell
But my uncle dug potatoes and he struck an oil well
Hey hey everybody drink on me
Chorus:

Well, black or yeller I guess it's all the same
Take my chip and give up the mining game
Hey hey everybody drink on me
Well, sell your shovel and your old long Johns
You can make a fortune writing Adam Faith songs
Hey hey everybody drink on me
Chorus:

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Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Am capo2 (Bm)

Chorus

Am **E7** **Am**
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
E **E7** **Am**
And the walls came tumblin' down

Repeat Chorus

Am
You may talk about your men of Gideon
E7
You may talk about your men of Saul
Am **D**
But there's none like good old Josh-u-a
E **E7** **Am** **E**
At the battle of Jericho

Chorusx2

'Way up to the walls of Jericho
With a sword drawn in his hand
"Go blow the ram's horn," Joshua cried
"'Cause the battle is in my hands"

Chorusx2

Then the lamb, ram, sheep horns began to blow
And the trumpets began to sound.
And Joshua commanded the children to shout
And the walls came tumblin' down

Chorus x2

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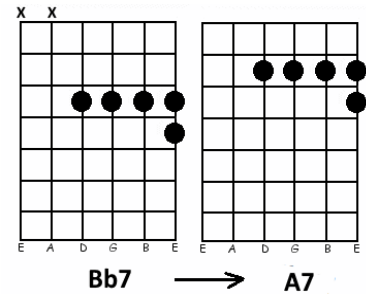
Lost John D

Chorus

D Bb7 A7 D
Now he's long long long gone
D Bb7 A7 D
Now he's long long long gone

D
Lost John was standing by the railroad track
A7 D
Waiting for the freight train to come back

D
Freight train come back and never made no stop
A7 D
Lost John thought he'd have to ride the top



Chorus

Lost John came into a countrywoman's house
Sat there as quiet as quiet as a mouse
Said Mr Lost John "be my friend
Be my friend unto the end"

Chorus

She said "Mr Lost John have some beer
I'll send for the porter, and I'll bring it here"
He said "Now woman don't you buy no beer
The cops are on my trail and they'll soon be here"

Chorus

Lost John made a pair of shoes of his own
Finest shoes that ever was worn
Heels on the front, heels behind
You couldn't tell which way lost John gwine

Chorus

They caught Lost John, put him in the pen
Summer been and gone and now he's out again
If anybody ask you who sung the song
Tell them Lonnie Donegan been here and gone

Chorus

Chorus

(Alt chords: Capo5 **A F E7 A, A E7 A**

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Railroad Bill D (C capo 2)

Chorus

D(C)

Railroad Bill, Railroad Bill

G(F)

He never worked and he never will

A7(G7) D(C)

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

A7(G7) D(C)

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

D(C)

Well Railroad Bill he done stole my wife

G(F)

If you don't look out he's going to take your life

A7(G7) D(C)

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

A7(G7) D(C)

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Got a 38 pistol just as long as my arm

Kill anybody that done me harm

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Got a 38 pistol on a 45 frame

How can I miss when I've got that aim

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Going up the mountain Lord I'm going out West

38 pistol sticking out of my vest

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus

Got a 38 pistol just as long as my arm

Kill anybody that done me harm

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

I'm gonna ride old Railroad Bill

Chorus x2

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Roll In My Sweet Baby's Arms G

G
Ain't gonna work on the railroad
D7
Ain't gonna work on the farm
G G7 C
Gonna lay around the shack till the mail train comes back
D7 G
Then I'll roll in my sweet baby's arms

Chorus:

G
Roll in my sweet baby's arms
D7
Roll in my sweet baby's arms
G G7 C
Lay around the shack till the mail train comes back
D7 G
Then I'll roll in my sweet baby's arms

Can't see what's the matter with my true love
She done quit writing to me
She must think I don't love her like I used to
Ain't that a foolish idea.

Sometime there's a change in the ocean
Sometime there's a change in the sea
Sometime there's a change in my own true love
But there's never a change in me

They tell me your parents don't like me
They have drove me away from your door
If I had my time all over
I would never go there any more

Now where was you last Friday night
While I was locked up in jail
You was walking the streets with another man
Wouldn't even go my bail

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Worried Man Blues E

E
The train that I ride is twenty-one coaches long

A **E**
The train that I ride is twenty-one coaches long

E
The train that I ride is twenty-one coaches long

B7 **E**
The girl I love is on that train and gone

E
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song

A **E**
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song

E
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song

B7 **E**
I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long

I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
I went across the river and I lay down to sleep
When I woke up there were shackles on my feet

Chorus

Twenty-nine links of chain all around my leg
Twenty-nine links of chain all around my leg
Twenty-nine links of chain all around my leg
And on each link, an initial of my name

Chorus

I asked the judge, "What's gonna be my fine"
I asked the judge, "What's gonna be my fine"
I said, "Oh, judge, what's gonna be my fine"
"Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain Line"

Chorus (x2)

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Wreck of the Old 97 A (G capo 2)

G **C**
Well they gave him his orders at Monroe Virginia
G **D**
Saying "Steve, you're way behind time
G **C**
Because this ain't '38 it's old '97
G **D7** **G**
Got to put her into Danville on time"

Chorus

G **C**
It's a mighty rough road from Lynchburg to Danville
G **D**
On a line with a 3-mile grade
G **C**
It was on that grade that he lost his air-brakes
G **D7** **G**
You can see what a jump he made

Well Steve turned round to his black and greasy fireman
Said "Shovel on a little more coal
And when we reach that White Oak Mountain
You can watch old '97 roll"

Chorus

He was coming down-grade making ninety miles an hour
When the whistle broke into a scream
He was found in the wreck with his hand on the throttle
He was scalded to death by steam

Chorus

Come on now all you ladies
From this time on now learn
Never speak harsh words to your loving husband
He may leave you and never return

Chorus