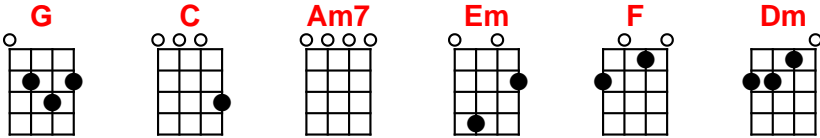


Dirty Old Town

Ewan MacColl, 1949



Key C First Note sung g

[G] [C] [G] [Am7] [Em]

[Em] I met my **[C]** love by the gas works wall,
Dreamed a **[F]** dream by the old ca- **[C]** nal.
[C] I kissed my girl by the factory **[C]** wall.
Dirty old **[G]** town, dirty old **[Am7]** town.

[Am7] Clouds are **[C]** drifting across the moon.
Cats are **[F]** prowling on their **[C]** beat.
Spring's a girl from the streets at night.
Dirty old **[G]** town, dirty old **[Am7]** town.

I heard a **[C]** siren from the docks,
Saw a **[F]** train set the night on **[C]** fire.
I smelled the spring on the smoky wind.
Dirty old **[G]** town, dirty old **[Am7]** town.

I'm gonna **[C]** make me a big sharp axe,
Shining **[F]** steel, tempered in the **[C]** fire.
I'll chop you down like an old dead tree,
Dirty old **[G]** town, dirty old **[Am7]** town.

Instrumental break (last verse)

I met my **[C]** love by the gas works wall,
Dreamed a **[F]** dream by the old ca- **[C]** nal.
[C] I kissed my girl by the factory **[C]** wall.
Dirty old **[Dm]** town, dirty old **[Am7]** town.
Dirty old **[G]** town, dirty old **[Am7]** town.