Hearse Song

Traditional (many versions)







Don't [Dm] ever laugh
As a hearse goes by
For you may be the [A7] next to die
They [Dm] wrap you up
In a big white sheet
From your head down [A7] to your feet
They [Dm] put you in a big black box
And [Gm] cover you up with [A7] dirt and [Dm] rocks.

And [Dm] all goes well

For about a week

And then your coffin [A7] begins to leak

And the [Dm] worms crawl in, the worms crawl out

The worms play pinochle [A7] on your snout

They [Dm] eat your eyes, they eat your nose

They [Gm] eat the jelly [A7] between your [Dm] toes...

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A [Dm] big green worm with rolling eyes

Crawls in your stomach and [A7] out your eyes

And the [Dm] worms crawl out and the worms crawl in

The worms that crawl in are [A7] lean and thin

The [Dm] ones that crawl out are fat and stout

Your eyes fall in and your [A7] hair falls out

Your [Gm] brain comes tumbling [A7] down your [Dm] snout...

Your [Dm] stomach turns a slimy green

And pus comes out like [A7] whipping cream

You [Dm] spread it on a slice of bread (slower)

And [Gm] that's what you eat when [A7] you are [Dm] dead!