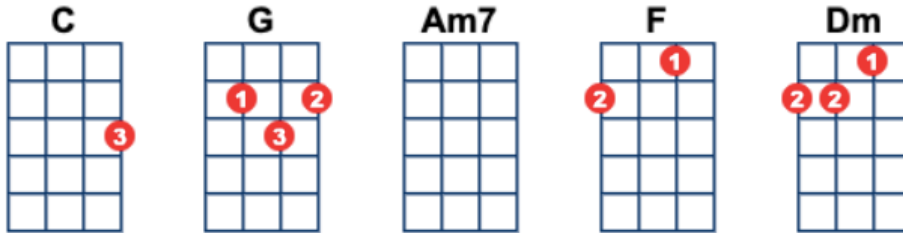


Dirty Old Town

Ewan MacColl, 1949

Key: C

First Note sung: G



Instrumental Intro:

[C] I kissed my girl by the factory wall.

Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.

Verse 1:

[Am7] 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 wall.

Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.

Verse 2:

[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.

Verse 3:

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.

Verse 4:

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 Verse:

[Am7] 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.

Repeat Verse 1:

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

Tag (sung):

Dirty old [G] town, dirty old [Am7] town.