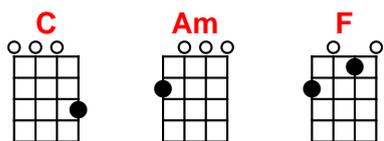


**Diamond Joe**  
Baldwin "Butch" Hawes 1944



**Instrumental 1st 2 lines verse:**

[C] There is a man you'll [Am] hear about  
Most [F] every place you [C] go.

**Verse 1:**

[C] There is a man you'll [Am] hear about  
Most [F] every place you [C] go.  
His holdings are in Tex-[Am]-as,  
And his [F] name is Diamond [C] Joe.  
And he [C] carries all his mo-[Am] -ney  
In a [F] diamond-studded [C] jar.  
He [C] never was much [Am] bothered  
By the [F] process of the [C] law.

**Verse 2:**

I [C] hired out to Diamond [Am] Joe, boys;  
I [F] offered him my [C] hand.  
He gave me a string of hos-[Am]-ses  
So [F] old they could not [C] stand.  
I [C] nearly starved to death, [Am] boys,  
He [F] did mistreat me [C] so,  
And I [C] never saved a [Am] dollar  
In the [F] pay of Diamond [C] Joe.

**Instrumental 2nd half verse:**

I [C] nearly starved to death, [Am] boys,  
He [F] did mistreat me [C] so,  
And I [C] never saved a [Am] dollar  
In the [F] pay of Diamond [C] Joe.

**Verse 3:**

[C] His bread it was corn [Am] dodger,  
And his [F] meat you could not [C] chaw,  
And he nearly drove me cra-[Am]-zy  
With the [F] wagging of his [C] jaw.  
And the telling of his sto-[Am]-ry  
I [F] aim to let you [C] know  
That there never was a [Am] rounder  
That [F] lied like Diamond [C] Joe.

**Instrumental last 2 lines Verse:**

[C] there never was a [Am] rounder  
That [F] lied like Diamond [C] Joe.

**Verse 4:**

[C] I tried three times to [Am] quit him  
But [F] he did argue [C] so;  
I'm still punching cat-[Am]-tle  
In the [F] pay of Diamond [C] Joe.  
[C] And when I'm called up yon-[Am] -der,  
And [F] it's my time to [C] go,  
[C] Give my blankets to my bud-[Am]-dies;  
Give the [F] fleas to Diamond [C] Joe.

[C] Give my blankets to my bud-[Am]-dies;  
Give the [F] fleas to Diamond [C] Joe.

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