

# Desert Bluegrass Workshop

## Year 1 - Session 2

### The Carter Family



**The Carter Family** (A. P. Carter, Sara Carter, and Maybelle Carter) is a traditional American folk music group that recorded between 1927 and 1956. Their music had a profound impact on bluegrass, country, Southern Gospel, pop and rock musicians as well as on the U.S. folk revival of the 1960s.

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# Bury Me Beneath the Willow

Progression 1:

My heart is sad and I am lonely  
For the only one I love  
When shall I see her? Oh, no, never  
'Til we meet in heaven above

1 1 4 4  
1 1 5 5  
1 1 4 4  
1 5 1 1

Bury me beneath the willow  
Under the weeping willow tree  
So she will know where I am sleeping  
And perhaps she'll weep for me

Tomorrow was to be our wedding  
God, oh God, where can she be  
She's gone a-courting with another  
And no longer cares for me

She told me that she did not love me  
I could not believe t'was true  
Until an angel softly whispered  
She no longer cares for you

Place on my grave a snow white lily  
To prove my love for her was true  
To show the world I died of grieving  
For her love I could not win

# Thinking Tonight of my Blue Eyes

Progression 2:

It would've been better for us both had we never  
In this wide and wicked world had never met,  
For the pleasures we've both seen together  
I'm sure, love, I'll never forget

1 1 4 4

5 5 1 1

1 1 4 4

5 5 1 1

Oh, I'm thinking tonight of my blue eyes  
Who is sailing far over the sea  
Oh, I'm thinking tonight of my blue eyes  
And I wonder if he ever thinks of me

Oh, you told me once, dear, that you loved me  
You said that we never would part  
But a link in the chain has been broken  
Leaving me with a sad and aching heart

When the cold, cold grave shall enclose me  
Will you come, dear, and shed just one tear?  
And say to the strangers around you  
A poor heart you have broken lies here?

# You're gonna be sorry

Progression 3:

1 1 1 1

1 1 5 5

1 1 4 4

1 5 1 1

You told me once, dear, I was true and kind  
You told me then, love, that you were mine  
But now you tell me that you were blind  
You like your parties and good times

I'm sorry darlin' cause you feel this way  
But you told me truthful to my face  
You found another to take my place  
All dressed in diamonds, pearls and lace

I'm sorry darlin' cause you let me down  
A truer love now you think you've found  
But when I'm laid deep down in the ground  
You're gonna be sorry you let me down

So now I've lost you but still have faith  
That you will see the mistake you made  
And when you find, dear, that you are wrong  
You'll ask forgiveness and come back home

I believed you darlin' when you said to me  
That we'd be happy, we'd be free  
But now I've found, dear, a fault in thee  
When we were wed, love, I could not see

Chorus

# Will The Circle Be Unbroken

I was standing by my window  
On one cold and cloudy day  
When I saw that hearse come rolling  
For to carry my mother away

Progression 4:

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

1 1 1 1

1 5 1 1

Will the circle be unbroken  
Bye and bye Lord, by and by  
There's a better home awaiting  
In the sky Lord, in the sky

Well, I told the undertaker  
Undertaker please drive slow  
For that body you are carrying  
Lord, I hate to see her go

Oh, I followed close behind her,  
Tried to hold up and be brave  
But I could not hide my sorrow  
When they laid her in the grave

Went back home, Lord, my home was lonesome  
Since my mother, she was gone  
All my brothers, sisters crying  
What a home so sad and alone

We sang those songs of childhood  
Hymns of faith that made us strong  
Ones that mother Maybelle taught us  
Hear the angels sing along.

# Foggy Mountain Top

Progression 5:

Now if you see that girl of mine  
There's something you must tell her  
She need not to fool her time away  
To court some other feller

1 1 4 1  
1 1 5 5  
1 1 4 1  
1 5 1 1

If I was on some foggy mountain top  
I'd sail away to the West  
I'd sail all around this whole wide world  
To the girl I love the best

She caused me to weep, she caused me to mourn  
She caused me to leave my home  
To the lonesome pines and the good old times  
I'm on my way back home

If I had listened to what my mama said  
I would not be here today  
Just lying around this old jailhouse  
A' weeping my poor life away

# Worried Man Blues

Progression 6:

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

5 5 1 1

12 Bar Blues

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song  
It takes a worried man to sing a worried song  
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  
When I awoke, I had shackles on my feet

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

I asked the judge, what might be my fine?  
I asked the judge, what might be my fine?  
Twenty-one years on the R.C. Mountain Line

If anyone should ask you, who composed this song  
If anyone should ask you, who composed this song  
Tell them 'twas I and I sing it all day long

I looked down the track as far as I could see  
I looked down the track as far as I could see  
A little hand was waving after me

# East Virginia Blues

Progression 7:

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

4 4 1 1

5 5 1 1

I was born in East Virginia  
To North Carolina I did go  
There I spied a fair young maiden  
And her age I did not know

Her hair was dark in color  
Her cheeks were rosy red  
Upon her breast she wore white lilies  
Where I longed, to lay my head

Oh, at my heart you are my darlin'  
At my door you're welcome in  
At my gate I'll always meet you  
For you're the girl I tried to win

I'd rather be in some dark holler  
Where the sun refused to shine  
Than for you to be another man's darlin'  
And to know you'll never be mine