

Popular Bluegrass Songs

For Jams Session 2



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

Progression 1

BURY ME BENEATH THE WILLOW

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

Chorus: 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

She told me that she dearly loved me
How could I believe it untrue
Until the angels softly whispered
She will prove untrue to you (chorus)

Tomorrow was to be our wedding
God oh God where can she be
She's out a courting with another
And no longer cares for me (chorus)

Progression 2

I'm Using My Bible For A Roadmap

1 1 4 4

5 5 1 1

1 1 4 4

5 5 1 1

I'm using my Bible for a road map
Ten Commandments they tell me what to do
The twelve disciples are my road signs
And Jesus will take me safely through

There'll be no detours in heaven
No rough roads along the way
I'm using my Bible for a road map
My last stop is heaven some sweet day

I'm using my Bible for a road map
The children of Israel used it too
They crossed the Red Sea of Destruction
For God was there to see them through

There'll be no detours in heaven
No rough roads along the way
I'm using my Bible for a road map
My last stop is heaven some sweet day

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Progression 3

Crawdad song

You get a line and I'll get a pole, Honey,
You get a line and I'll get a pole, Babe.
You get a line and I'll get a pole,
We'll go fishin' in the crawdad hole, Honey, Baby mine.

Sittin' on the bank 'til my feet get cold,
Honey, Sittin' on the bank 'til my feet get cold, Babe
Sittin' on the bank 'til my feet get cold,
Lookin' down that crawdad hole, Honey, Baby mine.

(instrumental verse)

You get a line and I'll get a pole, Honey,
You get a line and I'll get a pole, Babe.
You get a line and I'll get a pole,
We'll go fishin' in the crawdad hole, Honey, Baby mine.

What did the hen duck say to the drake, Honey,
What did the hen duck say to the drake, Babe,
What did the duck say to the drake,
There ain't no crawdads in this lake, Honey, Baby mine.

You get a line and I'll get a pole, Honey,
You get a line and I'll get a pole, Babe.
You get a line and I'll get a pole,

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

Progression 4

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away!
To a home on God's celestial shore:
I'll fly away!

Chorus: I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars have flown,
I'll fly away.

CHORUS

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away.
To land where joys shall never end:
I'll fly away.

CHORUS

Progression 5

Jesse James

When Jesse James was a lad he killed many a man, 1 1 4 1
He robbed the Glendale train, 1 1 5 5
And the people they did say for many miles away 1 1 4 1
It was robbed by Frank and Jesse James. 1 5 1 1

(chorus)

Poor Jesse had a wife who mourned for his life, 4 4 1 1
Three children - they were brave; 1 1 5 5
But that dirty little coward who shot Mister Howard 1 1 4 1
Has laid poor Jesse in his grave. 1 5 1 1

It was on a Saturday night if I remember right
When they robbed that Glendale train.
It was one of the Younger boys who gathered in the spoils
And he carried Jesse's monies away. **(chorus)**

He was standing on a chair just a-dusting pictures there.
He thought he heard a noise.
When he turned his head around, why that bullet smacked him down,
And it laid poor Jesse on the floor **(chorus)**

Jesse robbed from the poor and he gave to the rich.
He never did a friendly thing,
And when his best friend died he was right there by her side,
And he lifted off her golden wedding ring. **(chorus)**

progression 6

Worried Man Blues

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

5 5 1 1

**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 layt down to sleep
When I woke I had shackles on my feet

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

I asked that judge What's gonna be my fine
I asked that judge What's gonna be my fine
Twenty-one years On the Rocky 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

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

progression 7

GOING DOWN THIS ROAD FEELING BAD

CHORUS: Going down this road feeling bad
Going down this road feeling bad
Going down this road feeling bad, Lord Lord
I aint gonna be treated this way.

These two dollar shoes hurt my feet
These two dollar shoes hurt my feet
These two dollar shoes hurt my feet Lord Lord
I ain't gonna be treated this way

They feed me on corn bread and beans
They feed me on corn bread and beans
They feed me on corn bread and beans Lord Lord
I ain't gonna be treated this way

I'm goin where the chilly winds don't blow
I'm goin where the chilly winds don't blow
I'm goin where the chilly winds don't blow Lord Lord
I ain't gonna be treated this way

I'm going where the water tastes like wine
I'm going where the water tastes like wine
I'm going where the water tastes like wine Lord Lord
I ain't gonna be treated this way

Chord Progressions

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1 1 5 5

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1 5 1 1

2.

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3.

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4.

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4 4 1 1

1 1 1 1

1 5 1 1

5. verse

1 1 4 1

1 1 5 5

1 1 4 1

1 5 1 1

5. chorus

4 4 1 1

1 1 5 5

1 1 4 1

1 5 1 1

6.

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

5 5 1 1

7.

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

4 4 1 1

1 5 1 1