

Ode To Billie Joe

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Key of D

Intro: Chords for last 2 lines, first verse

It was the ^{D7} third of June another ^{Am7} sleepy dusty ^D Delta day
I was out ^{D7} chopping ^D cotton and my brother was a ^{Am7} bailing ^D hay
And at ^G dinner time we stopped and walked ^{G7} back to the house to eat ^G ^{G7}
And Mama ^{D7} hollered out the backdoor.. y'all remember to wipe your feet ^{Am7}
And then she ^G said I got some news this morning from ^{G7} Choctaw ^G Ridge ^{G7}
Today ^{D7} Billie Joe ^D McAllister jumped off the ^{C7} Tallahatchie ^{Am7} Bridge ^{D7} ^D

Papa ^{D7} said to Mama.. as he passed around the ^{Am7} black eyed ^D peas
Billie Joe ^{D7} never had a lick of sense ~ pass the ^{Am7} biscuits ^D please ^{D7}
There's five more acres in the lower forty I got to ^G plow ^{G7}
And Mama ^{D7} said it was a shame about ^{Am7} Billie Joe ~ anyhow ^D
Seems like nothing ever comes to no good up on ^G Choctaw ^{G7} Ridge ^G ^{G7}
And now ^{D7} Billie Joe ^D McAllister's jumped off the ^{C7} Tallahatchie ^{Am7} Bridge ^{D7} ^D

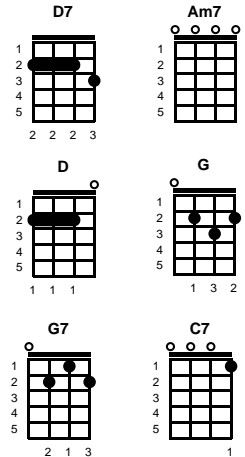
Brother ^{D7} said he recollected... when he and Tom and ^{Am7} Billie Joe ^D
Put a frog down my back at the ^{Am7} Carroll County picture show ^{D7}
And wasn't I talking to him after church last ^G Sunday night ^{G7}
I'll have another piece of apple pie ~ you know it don't seem ^{Am7} right ^D
I saw him at the sawmill yesterday up on ^G Choctaw ^{G7} Ridge ^G ^{G7}
And now you tell me ^{D7} Billie Joe's jumped off the ^{C7} Tallahatchie ^{Am7} Bridge ^{D7} ^D

Mama ^{D7} said to me, child ~ what's happened to your ^{Am7} appetite ^D
I've been ^{D7} cooking all morning, and you haven't touched a single ^{Am7} bite ^D ^{D7}
That nice young preacher, Brother Taylor, dropped by today ^G
Said he'd be pleased to have dinner on ^{D7} Sunday.. oh by the way ^{Am7}
He said he saw a girl that looked a lot like you up on ^G Choctaw ^{G7} Ridge ^G ^{G7}
And she and ^{D7} Billie Joe was throwing something off the ^{C7} Tallahatchie ^{Am7} Bridge ^{D7} ^D

One year has come and gone since we heard the news about ^{Am7} Billie Joe ^D
Brother married ^{D7} Becky Thompson and they bought a store in ^{Am7} Tupelo ^D ^{D7}
There was a virus going round, Papa caught it and he died last ^G spring ^{G7}
And now Mama just doesn't seem to want to do much of anything ^D
And me, I spend a lot of time picking ^G flowers up on ^{G7} Choctaw ^G Ridge ^{G7}
And drop em in the muddy water off the ^{D7} Tallahatchie ^{C7} Bridge ^{Am7} ^{D7} ^D

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