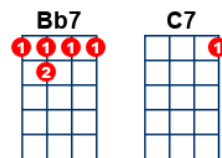


Ode to Billy Joe

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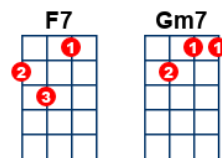
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C7



C7 It was the third of June, another **Gm7** sleepy, dusty, delta **C7** day

C7 I was out chopping cotton, and my **Gm7** brother was bailing **C7** hay,



And at **F7** dinner time we stopped and walked back to the house to eat.

And Momma **C7** hollered out the back door "Y'all re - member to wipe your feet!"

And then she **F7** said, I got some news this mornin from Choctaw Ridge

Today **C7** Billie Joe MacAllister jumped **Bb7** off the Tallahatchie **C7** Bridge.

C7 And Poppa said to Momma as he **Gm7** passed around the blackeyed **C7** peas

C7 Well Billie Joe never had a lick of sense - **Gm7** pass the biscuits **C7** please

F7 " There's five more acres in the lower forty - I got to plow.

And Momma **C7** said it was shame - about Billie Joe anyhow,

Seems like **F7** nothing ever comes to no good up on Choctaw Ridge.

And now **C7** Billie Joe McAllister jumped **Bb7** off the Tallahatchie **C7** Bridge.

C7 And Brother said he recollected - **Gm7** when he and Tom, and Billie **C7** Joe

C7 Put a frog down my back at the **Gm7** Carroll County Picture **C7** Show

F7 And, "Wasn't I talkin' to him after church, last Sunday night.

C7 I'll have a-nother piece of apple pie, you know, it don't seem right.

F7
I saw him at the sawmill yesterday up on Choctaw Ridge.

And now you **C7** tell me Billie Joe's jumped **Bb7** off the Tallahatchie **C7** Bridge.

C7 Momma said to me "Child what's **Gm7** happened to your appe-tite? **C7**

C7 Why, I've been cookin' all morning, and you **Gm7** haven't touched a single **C7** bite.

F7
That nice young preacher Brother Taylor dropped by today.

C7 Said he'd be pleased to have dinner on Sunday, **C7** oh, by the way.

F7
He said he saw a girl that looked a lot like you up on Choctaw Ridge.

And she and **C7** Billie Joe was throwing **Bb7** something off the Tallahatchie **C7** Bridge."

C7 A year has come and gone since we **Gm7** heard the news bout Billie **C7** Joe

C7 Brother married Becky Thompson they **Gm7** bought a store in Tupe-lo, **C7**

F7
There was a virus going round Poppa caught it and he died last Spring.

And now **C7** Momma doesn't seem to wanna do much - of anything

And **F7** me, I spend a lot of time pickin flowers up on Choctaw Ridge.

And drop them **C7** into the muddy water **Bb7** off the Tallahatchie **C7** Bridge. (fade on) **C7**