# St. James Infirmary Blues (Traditional)

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       Am      E7         Am
It was down at old Joe's bar room
       Am         F7       C      E7
At the corner      by the square
          Am     E7        Am
They were serving drinks as usual
       F7        E7        Am
And the usual     crowd was there


       Am      E7           Am
On my left stood big Joe MacKennedy
      Am       F7        C    E7
His eyes were bloodshot  red
          Am          E7          Am
And as he looked at the gang around him
      F7           E7        Am
These were the very words he said.


       Am      E7            Am
I went down to St. James Infirmary
Am          F7      C     E7
   I saw my baby      there
          Am      E7        Am
Stretched out on a long, white table
     F7        E7        Am
So young, so   cold, so fair


Am           E7         Am
    Seventeen coal-black horses
Am          F7        C   E7
Hitched to a rubber-tied hack
 Am       E7          Am
Seven girls goin' to the graveyard
    F7              E7       Am
Only six of them are coming back
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       Am       E7          Am
Let her go. Let her go, God bless her
Am          F7        C    E7
   Wherever she may   be
          Am       E7          Am
She may search this wide world over
          F7            E7       Am
And never find another man like me
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**Instrumental Verse x2**

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Am            E7       Am
    When I die just bury me
Am       F7              C    E7
   In my high-top Stetson hat
       Am            E7
Place a twenty-dollar gold piece
       Am
on my watch chain
         F7         E7          Am
To let the Lord know I died standing pat

       Am                 E7       Am
I want six crap-shooters for my
pallbearers
       Am          F7         C     E7
A chorus girl to sing me a   song
          Am          E7         Am
Place a jazz band on my hearse wagon
     F7            E7   Am
To raise hell as we roll along

Am                   E7        Am
   Now that you've heard my story
Am                 F7        C       E7
    I'll take another shot of      booze
Am                E7            Am
   And if anyone here should ask you
F7              E7          Am
I've got the gambler's blues
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**Instrumental Verse, end on Am**





Am   C   E7   F 7

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