

This Hard Land
Bruce Springsteen

Intro 2x: **F Bb C F**

Verse 1:

Bb C
Hey there mister, can you tell me what happened

F
To the seeds I ve sown

Bb C
Can you give me a reason sir

F
As to why they ve never grown

Bb F
They ve just blown around from town to town

C F
Till they re back out on these fields

Bb F
Where they fall from my hand

C F
Back into the dirt of this hard land

Verse 2:

Bb C F
Now me and my sister from Germantown, we did ride

Bb C F
We made our bed sir from the rock on the mountainside

Bb F
We been blowin around from town to town

C F
Lookin for a place to stand

Bb F
Where the sun burst through the cloud to fall like a circle

C F
Like a circle of fire down on this hard land

Verse 3:

Bb C
Now even the rain it don t come round

F
It don t come round here no more

Bb C
And the only sound at night s the wind

F
Slammin the back porch door

Bb F
It just stirs you up like it wants to blow you down

C F
Twistin and churnin up the sand

Bb **F**
Leavin all them scarecrows lyin face down

C **F**
Face down in the dirt of this hard land

Link: **F Bb C F (x2) Bb F C F (x2)**

Verse 3:

Bb
From a building up on the hill
C **F**
I can hear a tape deck blastin Home on the Range
Bb
I can see them Bar-M choppers
C **F**
Sweepin low across the plains
Bb **F**
It s me and you Frank we re lookin for lost cattle
C **F**
Our hooves twistin and churnin up the sand
Bb **F**
We re ridin in the whirlwind searchin for lost treasure
C **F**
Way down south of the Rio Grande
Bb
We re ridin cross that river
F
In the moonlight
C **F**
Up onto the banks of this hard land

Verse 4:

Bb
Hey Frank won t ya pack your bags
C **F**
And meet me tonight down at Liberty Hall
Bb
Just one kiss from you my brother
C **F**
And we ll ride until we fall
Bb
We ll sleep in the fields
F **C**
We ll sleep by the rivers and in the morning
F
We ll make a plan
Bb
Well if you can t make it
F
Stay hard, stay hungry, stay alive
C
If you can
F

And meet me in a dream of this hard land

Outro: **F Bb C F** (x2) **Bb F C F** (x2