

**Merle Hank Johnny**  
**Dan Bern**

Capo II

C G  
When I was just a kid out in the midwest  
Am Am7/G F  
I grew my hair as long as it could go  
C G  
Farm boys got down in the dirt and wrestled  
Am Am7/G F  
Top soil blew as far as Ohio  
(F) C  
Bought our records up at the hardware  
G G/G# Am Am7/G  
Spent every last dime on rock and roll

F G C C/B C/A C/E  
But on the radio it was Merle and Hank and Johnny  
F G C Csus4 G G/C  
Buck Owens, Jimmy Rogers and George Jones

Well I grew up and I drifted from the midwest  
Seen London, New York and Montreal  
Music that I listened to had drum machines  
We rocked as they kicked down the Berlin Wall  
But my younger years sometimes felt like someone else s  
Every now and then I hear it wafting in low

On the radio is Merle and Hank and Johnny  
Buck Owens, Jimmy Rogers and George Jones

F C  
Silver wings I m so lonesome I could cry  
G G/G# Am Am7/G  
Stuck in Folsom Prison without you  
F C/A  
Tiger by the tail, T for Texas  
Dm G G/E(3x2003) G/F (xx3003)  
Blue must be the color of the blues

Now I stay in the sunny skies of California  
Don t know where the days or time have flown  
When I look in to the mirror don t know where that kid has gone  
Even now I ve got a young one of my own  
Now I wonder what s the music she ll hold inside her heart

Cartoon kids they all sing rock and roll

But I'll make sure she hears Merle and Hank and Johnny  
Buck Owens, Jimmie Rogers and George Jones

Silver wings I'm so lonesome I could cry  
Stuck in Folsom Prison without you  
Tiger by the tail, T for Texas  
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