

**Merle Hank Johnny
Dan Bern**

Capo II

C# **G#**
When I was just a kid out in the midwest
Bbm **Bbm7/G** **F#**
I grew my hair as long as it could go
C# **G#**
Farm boys got down in the dirt and wrestled
Bbm **Bbm7/G** **F#**
Top soil blew as far as Ohio
(**F#**) **C#**
Bought our records up at the hardware
G# **G#/G#** **Bbm** **Bbm7/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#** **C#sus4** **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#** **Bbm** **Bbm7/G**
Stuck in Folsom Prison without you
F# **C#** **C#/A**
Tiger by the tail, T for Texas
Ebm **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, Jimmy Rogers and George Jones

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