

**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

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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