

**Merle Hank Johnny
Dan Bern**

Capo II

D **A**
When I was just a kid out in the midwest
Bm **Bm7/G** **G**
I grew my hair as long as it could go
D **A**
Farm boys got down in the dirt and wrestled
Bm **Bm7/G** **G**
Top soil blew as far as Ohio
(**G**) **D**
Bought our records up at the hardware
A **A/G#** **Bm** **Bm7/G**
Spent every last dime on rock and roll

G **A** **D** **D/B** **D/A** **D/E**
But on the radio it was Merle and Hank and Johnny
G **A** **D** **Dsus4** **A** **A/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

G **D**
Silver wings I m so lonesome I could cry
A **A/G#** **Bm** **Bm7/G**
Stuck in Folsom Prison without you
G **D** **D/A**
Tiger by the tail, T for Texas
Em **A** **A/E(3x2003)** **A/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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