

Gamblers Blues St James Infirmary
Dave Van Ronk

Am **E7** **Am**
It was down at old Joe s bar room
Am **Fmaj7** **C** **E7**
At the corner by the square
Am **E7** **Am** **Am/G**
They were serving drinks as usual
Am **Fmaj7** **E7** **Am**
And the usual crowd was there

Am **E7** **Am**
On my left stood big Joe MacKennedy
Am **Fmaj7** **C** **E7**
His eyes were blood- shot red
Am **E7** **Am** **Am/G**
And as he turned to the crowd around him
Am **Fmaj** **E7** **Am**
These were the very words he said.

Am **E7** **Am**
I went down to St. James Infirmary
Am **Fmaj7** **C** **E7**
I saw my ba- by there
Am **E7** **Am** **Am/G**
Stretched out on a long, white table
Fmaj7 **E7** **Am**
So young, so cold, so fair

Am **E7** **Am**
Seventeen coal-black horses
Am **Fmaj7** **C** **E7**
Hitched to a rubber-tied hack
Am **E7** **Am** **Am/G**
Seven girls goin to the graveyard
Fmaj7 **E7** **Am**
Only six of them are coming back

Am **E7** **Am**
Let her go. Let her go, God bless her
Am **Fmaj7** **C** **E7**
Wherever she may be
Am **E7** **Am** **Am/G**
She may search this wide world over
Fmaj7 **E7** **Am**
And never find another man like me

Am **E7** **Am**
When I die just bury me

Am Fmaj7 C E7
In my high-top Stetson hat
Am E7 Am Am/G
Place a twenty-dollar gold piece on my watch chain
Fmaj7 E7 Am
My gang will know I died standing pat

Am E7 Am
I want six crap-shooters for my pallbearers
Am Fmaj7 C E7
A chorus girl to sing me a song
Am E7 Am Am/G
Put a jazz band on my hearse wagon
Fmaj7 E7 Am
To raise hell as we roll along

Am E7 Am
Let her go. Let her go, God bless her
Am Fmaj7 C E7
Wherever she may be
Am E7 Am Am/G
She may search this wide world over
Fmaj7 E7 Am
And never find sweet man like me

Am E7 Am
Now that you ve heard my story
Am Fmaj7 C E7
I ll take another shot of booze
Am E7 Am Am/G
And if anyone here should ask you
Fmaj7 E7 Am
I ve got the gambler s blues

Am E7 Am
Let her go. Let her go, God bless her
Am Fmaj7 C E7
Wherever she may be
Am E7 Am Am/G
She may search this wide world over
Fmaj7 E7 Am
And never find sweet man like me