

Devil's Right Hand

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(intro) C

C C F

1. Well, about the time my Daddy left to fight the big war,
G C
saw my first pistol in the general store.
F C
In the general store, when I was thirteen,
G C
thought it was the finest thing I ever had seen.

C F C

2. I asked if I could have one when I grew up,
G

C
Mama dropped a dozen eggs, and she really blew up.
F C
She really blew up and I didn't understand,
G C
Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.

F C
She really blew up and I didn't understand,
G C
Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.
F C
The devil's right hand, the devil's right hand,
G C
Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.

C F C

3. My very first pistol was a cap and ball Colt,
G C
shoot as fast as lightning but it loads a mite slow.
F C
It loads a mite slow and I soon found out,
G C
it can get you into trouble but it can't get you out.

C F C

4. Then I went and bought myself a Colt 45,
G C
called a peacemaker but I didn't know why.
F C
I never knew why, and I didn't understand,
G C

cause Mama said the pistol is the devil s right hand.

F

C

I never knew why, I didn t understand,

G

C

Mama said the pistol is the devil s right hand.

F

C

The devil s right hand, the devil s right hand,

G

C

Mama said the pistol is the devil s right hand.

C

F

C

5. I got into a card game in a company town,

G

C

caught a miner cheating and I shot the dog down.

F

C

Shot the dog down, watched the dog fall,

G

C

never touched his holster, never had a chance to draw.

C

F

C

6. The trial was in the morning and they drug me out of bed,

G

C

asked me how I pleaded, not guilty I said.

F

C

Not guilty, I said, you ve got the wrong man,

G

C

nothing touched the trigger but the devil s right hand.

F

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