

Devil's Right Hand  
Johnny Cash

(intro) C

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1. Well, about the time my Daddy left to fight the big war,  
saw my first pistol in the general store.  
In the general store, when I was thirteen,  
thought it was the finest thing I ever had seen.
- C F C G C
2. I asked if I could have one when I grew up,  
Mama dropped a dozen eggs, and she really blew up.  
She really blew up and I didn't understand,  
Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.
- C F C G C
- She really blew up and I didn't understand,  
Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.  
The devil's right hand, the devil's right hand,  
Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.
- F C G C
3. My very first pistol was a cap and ball Colt,  
shoot as fast as lightning but it loads a mite slow.  
It loads a mite slow and I soon found out,  
it can get you into trouble but it can't get you out.
- C F C G C
4. Then I went and bought myself a Colt 45,  
called a peacemaker but I didn't know why.  
I never knew why, and I didn't understand,
- F C G C

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

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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,

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**C**

caught a miner cheating and I shot the dog down.

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**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,

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**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**

**C**

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**C**

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**F**

**C**

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

**G**

**C**

nothing touched the trigger but the devil s right hand.