

Kenesaw Mountain Landis
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Chords

D xx0232
G 3x0003
Em 022000
A7 x02020
A x02220
Bm x24432
F# 244322

Verse 1

D **G**
Kenesaw Mountain Landis was a bad mother fucker
D **Em** **A7**
He was seventeen feet tall, he had a hundred and fifty wives
D **G**
He didn't do that much except he saved the game of baseball
D **G** **D** **A7**
He put two and two together and he noticed it was four
D **G** **D** **A7**
Now the treachery of Shoeless Joe can't hurt us anymore
D **G** **A7** **D** **A(break)**
And he'll always be remembered as Kenesaw Mountain Landis

Verse 2

D **G**
Fellow named Joe Jackson was a fielder for the Black Sox
D **Em** **A7**
And he always wore his black socks, but he never wore no shoes
D **G**
He weren't the nicest fellow and he had a couple problems
D **G** **D** **A7**
Cause he drank a lot and he beat his wife and he always acted rude
D **G** **D** **A7**
He killed and ate some babies and he copped an attitude
D **G** **A7** **D** **A(break)**
And the one man that he hated most was Kenesaw Mountain Landis

Bridge 1

Bm
Mafia said Shoeless Joe
F#
You should really run this show
D
You should be the guy who owns baseball
Bm
And all you really gotta do

F#

Is help us make a buck or two

D **G** **A7**

We ll bet on the other team

D **G** **A7**

You ll lose the game but make it seem

D **G** **A7**

Like nothing could be further from the truth

Verse 3

D **G**

Shoeless Joe did what they said he dropped a couple fly balls

D **Em** **A7**

And he walked up to the pitcher and he poked him in the eye

D **G**

And in the seventh inning with the Black Sox nearly beaten

D **G** **D** **A7**

There was someone who was watching from his blimp above the stands

D **G** **D** **A7**

Cradling a rifle in his thick and meaty hands

D **G** **A** **D** **A(break)**

And as if you hadn t guessed yet it was Kenesaw Mountain Landis

Bridge 2

Bm

Kenesaw said drop that glove

F#

Or I swear by God above

D

I ll make you regret playing baseball

Bm

Shoeless Joe looked up and saw

F#

The silver rifle s gaping maw

D **G** **A7**

Though no one had noticed yet

D **G** **A7**

His underwear was getting wet

D **G** **A7**

He peed himself in front of everyone

Slow Verse

D **G**

Shoeless Joe was finished but he couldn t quite admit it

D **Em** **A7**

So he raised his middle finger up above the other four

D **G**

Kenesaw took careful aim and fired a single bullet

D **G** **D** **A7**

And he shot that dirty finger off and he dropped his trusty gun

D **G** **D** **A7**

And everybody in the stands knew that he had won

D **G** **A7** **D**

And today they still refer to him as Kenesaw Mountain Landis

Final Verse

D **G**
Shoeless Joe left baseball and became a famous pop star
D **Em** **A7** **D**
And he asked the musical question is she really going out with him
G
He had a couple albums and a comeback in the 80 s
D **G** **D** **A7**
But he never won a Grammy and he never was the same
D **G** **D** **A7**
And he never could be satisfied with critical acclaim
D **G** **A7** **D** **A7**
Cause the critics all confused him with the great Elvis Costello
D **G** **A7** **D**
Yes the critics all confused him with the great Elvis Costello