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To Beat The Devil Kris Kristofferson

written and performed by Kris Kristofferson.

Verse 1:(spoken) C/G [tab] G G It was winter time in Nashville, down on music city row[/tab] C/G [tab] D And i was lookin for a place to get myself out of the cold[/tab] [tab] Em C/G G To warm the frozen feelin that was eatin at my soul[/tab] [tab] D And keep the chilly wind off my guitar[/tab]

Verse 2:(spoken) [tab] C/G G G My thirsty wanted whisky, my hungry needed beans[/tab] [tab] D But it d been of month of paydays since i ve heard that eagle scream[/tab] C/G C/G [tab] G Em So with my stomach full of empty and my pockets full of dreams[/tab] [tab] I left my pride and stepped inside a bar[/tab]

Bridge:(spoken)
[tab] Em C/G
Actually i guess you d could call it a Tavern...[/tab]
[tab] D
Cigarette smoke to the ceiling and sawdust on the floor[/tab]
[tab] G
Friendly shadows[/tab]

Verse 3:(spoken)
[tab] G C/G G
I saw that there was just one old man sittin at the bar[/tab]
[tab] D C/G
And in the mirror i could see him checkin me and my guitar[/tab]

[tab] C/G G Em He turned, and said "Come up here boy, and show us what you are" [/tab] [tab] D I said "I m dry"-and he brought me a beer[/tab] Verse 1-bis:(spoken) C/G [tab] He nodded at my quitar and said "It s a tough life, ain t it" [/tab] [tab] р C/G I just looked at him, and he said "You ain t makin any money, are you?"[/tab] [tab] G Em C/G I said "You ve been readin my mail".He just smiled and said "Let me see your guitar"[/tab] [tab] C/G G I ve got something you want to hear. Then he laid it on me[/tab] Verse sang 1: C/G [tab] G If you waste your time of talkin to the people who don t listen[/tab] [tab] To the things that you are sayin ,who do you think s gonna hear[/tab] [tab] C/G And if you should die explaining how the things that they complain about[/tab] [tab] D G Are things they could be changin who do you think s gonna care[/tab] D [tab] C/G There were other lonely singers in a world turned deaf and blind[/tab] [tab] D Who were crucified for what they tried to show[/tab] [tab] C/G G And their voice s have been scattered by the swirling winds of time[/tab] [tab] G D Cause the truth remains that no one wants to know[/tab] Verse 4: (spoken) C/G [tab] G Well, the old man was a stranger, but i d heard his song before [/tab] [tab] D C/G Back when failure had me locked out on the wrong side of the door[/tab] [tab] G Em C/G When no one stood behind me but my shadow on the floor[/tab] [tab] And lonesome was more than a state of mind[/tab]

Verse 2-bis:(spoken) C/G [tab] G G You see, the devil haunts a hungry man, and if you don t wanna join him[/tab] C/G [tab] D You got to beat him[/tab] [tab] G Em C/G I ain t sayin i beat the devil but i drank his beer for nothing[/tab] [tab] Then i stole his song[/tab] Verse sang 2: C/G [tab] G And you still can hear me singin to the people who don t listen[/tab] [tab] G D To the things that i am sayin ,prayin someones gonna hear[/tab] [tab] G C/G And i guess i ll die explainig how the things that they complain about[/tab] G [tab] G D Are things they could be changin ,hopin someones gonna care[/tab] [tab] C/G I was born a lonely singer, and i m bound to die the same[/tab] [tab] D But i ve got to feed the hunger in my soul[/tab] C/G [tab] G G And if i never have a nickle i won t ever die ashamed[/tab] [tab] G D Cause i don t believe that no one wants to know[/tab] Thanks to Jan Ekeland for the lyrics.

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