

## The Bourgeois Blues

### Leadbelly

I've been super into Leadbelly lately, and decided to correct the lack of good Leadbelly tabs on UG. So here it is my first tab (not really, I found it elsewhere on the internet) that's 100% playable. The cool thing about Leadbelly is that he sits on the intersection of old time folk and old time blues, so he uses like one progression in different keys for all his songs. The actual guitar playing isn't that hard. I swear to god, if I got a twelve string and started juicing up on testosterone, I could make the song below sound just like Leadbelly!

(Huddie Ledbetter/Alan Lomax)

(G7) - (C7) - (G) - (D7)

(G7) Me and my wife went all over town  
And everywhere we went people turned us down  
Lord, in a (C7) bourgeois town  
It's a (G) bourgeois town  
I got the (D7) bourgeois blues  
Gonna spread the news all a- (G) round

Home of the brave, land of the free  
I don't wanna be mistreated by no bourgeoisie  
Lord, in a bourgeois town  
Uhm, the bourgeois town  
I got the bourgeois blues  
Gonna spread the news all around

Well, me and my wife we were standing upstairs  
We heard the white man say "I don't want no niggers up there"  
Lord, in a bourgeois town  
Uhm, bourgeois town  
I got the bourgeois blues  
Gonna spread the news all around

Well, them white folks in Washington they know how  
To call a colored man a nigger just to see him bow  
Lord, it's a bourgeois town  
Uhm, the bourgeois town  
I got the bourgeois blues  
Gonna spread the news all around

I tell all the colored folks to listen to me  
Don t try to find you no home in Washington, DC  
â€˜Cause itâ€™s a bourgeois town  
Uhm, the bourgeois town  
I got the bourgeois blues  
Gonna spread the news all around