

The Ringing Of The Steel
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Standard Tuning

Capo 2

[Intro]
G D C G C G

[Verse 1]
G **D**
The old man used to tell me, when I was just a boy
C **G** **C** **D**
He was blessed because he had a job that he enjoyed
G **D**
Not everyone would like it, but to him the main appeal
C **G** **C** **G**
Was the breathing of the bellows, and the ringing of the steel

[Verse 2]
G **D**
I started working early, holding horses for my Pa
C **G** **C** **D**
It was a little town we lived in; only one man had a car
G **D**
And the old man used to watch him, whenever he drove past
C **G** **C** **G**
He said it s just a fad you know, it s never gonna last

[Refrain]
D **C** **G**
All around the forge, the old man strolled
D **C** **G**
Grabbed a bit of iron, and shoved it in the coals
G **D**
He was good at what he did, and he cut end on a steel
C **G** **C** **G**
Amongst the breathing of the bellows and the ringing of the steel

G D C G C G

[Verse 3]
G **D**
The old man s head got greyer, but it didn t slow him down
C **G** **C** **D**
He kept on shoeing horses, that were brought from round the town

G D
He showed me bits and pieces, and before too long
C G C G
I could make a decent set of shoes and shape and whack them on

[Refrain]

D C G
We d sometimes have a shoeing race, and sweat from start to end
D C G
The old man was the master, but sometimes he d let me win
G D
And a crowd of eager passer-bys would watch the mad ordeal
C G C G
Amongst the breathing of the bellows and the ringing of the steel

G D C G C G

[Verse 4]

G D
After years of teaching, after years of toil
C G C D
The old man was buried deep in the mountain soil
G D
I kept on with the shoeing, but the job was in recess
C G C G
The old man wasn t right about the motor car I guess

[Refrain]

D C G
Now I ve all but had it, and the forge is very quiet
D C G
But I heat the coals up now and then and tinker round inside
G D
I do it for the old man, and remember how I d feel
C G C G
Amongst the breathing of the bellows, and the ringing of the steel
C G
The ringing of the steel

G D C G C G

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