

Devils Right Hand
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Tuning: EADGBE

[Verse]

E

Bout the time my daddy left to fight the big war

E

B

I saw my first pistol in the general store

B

In the general store, I was thirteen

B

E

I thought it was the finest thing I ever had seen

E

Asked if I could have it someday when I grew up

B

Mama dropped a dozen eggs and really blew up

B

She really blew up, I didn't understand

B

E

Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand

[Chorus]

A

The devil's right hand

E

A

E

The devil's right hand

B

E

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

[Verse]

My very first pistol was a cap and ball colt.

Shoot as fast as lightning but she'd load a mighty slow.

Load a mighty slow. I soon found out it'll

Get you into trouble, but it can't get you out.

So then I went and bought myself a colt 45.

It was called a peace maker, but I never knew why.

Never knew why, I didn't understand.

Mama says the pistol is the devil's right hand.

[Chorus]

A

The devil's right hand

E

A

E

The devil's right hand

B

E

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

[Verse]

F#

Well I got into a card game in a company town

F#

C#

Caught a miner cheatin and I shot the dog down

C#

I shot the dog down, I watched the man fall

C#

F#

Never touched his holster, never had a chance to draw

F#

The trial was in the morning and they drug me outta bed

F#

C#

They asked me how i pleaded, not guilty I said

C#

Not guilty I said, you got the wrong man

C#

F#

Nothin touched the trigger but the devils right hand

[Chorus]

A

The devil s right hand

E

A

E

The devil s right hand

B

E

Mama said the pistol is the devil s right hand.