

I Hung My Head  
Sting

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From: Earthman

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-From the album Mercury Falling.-  
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This song is in 9/8 time, but having said that the guitar part is straight eighth notes all the way through, so it s not tricky at all once you get used to the groove of it.

Capo on 1st fret. All fret positions relative to capo.  
Chord names shown as sounded with capo.

Intro:

	Bb	Eb	G	Eb
F	-----	-----0-2-----	-----	-----0-2-----
C	-----0-2-----	-----3-----3---3-	-----2-----	-----3-----
Ab	---2-----2---2-	---2-----	-----2---2---2-	---2-----2---2-
Eb	---2-----	0-----0-----	---4-----	0-----0-----
Bb	0-----0-----	-----2---	---4-----0---	-----4---
F	-----2---	-----	2-----2---	-----

Repeat.

Verse 1:

	Bb	Eb	G	Eb
F	-----	-----0-2-----	-----	-----0-2-----
C	-----0-2-----	-----3-----3---3-	-----2-----	-----3-----
Ab	---2-----2---2-	---2-----	-----2---2---2-	---2-----2---2-
Eb	---2-----	0-----0-----	---4-----	0-----0-----
Bb	0-----0-----	-----2---	---4-----0---	-----4---
F	-----2---	-----	2-----2---	-----

Early one morning with time to kill I borrowed Jeb s and sat on the hill  
rifle

	Bb	Eb	G	Eb
F	-----	-----0-2-----	-----	-----0-2-----
C	-----0-2-----	-----3-----3---3-	-----2-----	-----3-----
Ab	---2-----2---2-	---2-----	-----2---2---2-	---2-----2---2-
Eb	---2-----	0-----0-----	---4-----	0-----0-----

Bb|0-----0-----|-----2---|--4-----0---|-----4---|  
 F |-----2---|-----2---|2-----2---|-----|  
 I saw a lone rider crossing the plain I drew a bead on to practice my aim  
 him

Cm Fadd4/A Fadd4 Bb  
 F |-----|-----|-----|-----|  
 C |-----2-3-----|-----2-3-----|-----2-3-----|-----0-2---2---2-|  
 Ab|---4-----4--4-|---4-----4--4-|---4-----4--4-|---2-----|  
 Eb|--4-----|--2-----|--2-----|--2-----|  
 Bb|2-----2---0---|-----|-----|0-----0---2---|  
 F |-----|4-----4--2---|0-----4--0---|-----|  
 My brother s rifle went off in my a shot rang out across the land  
 hand

Eb G Bb Eb  
 F |-----0-2-----|-----|-----|-----0-2-----|  
 C |---3-----3---3-|-----2-----|-----0-2-----|---3-----3---3-|  
 Ab|--2-----|-----2---2---2-|---2-----2---2-|--2-----|  
 Eb|0-----0-----|---4-----0---|--2-----|0-----0-----|  
 Bb|-----2---|--4-----|0-----0-----|-----2---|  
 F |-----|2-----2-----|-----2---|-----|  
 The horse he kept the rider was dead I hung my head I hung my head  
 running

That s it for the guitar. It just repeats the intro between verses, and repeats the last two bars of the verse at the end of verses 2-4.

Verse 2.  
 I set off running to wake from the dream  
 My brother s rifle went into the stream  
 I kept on running into the salt lands  
 And that s where they found me, my head in my hands  
 The sheriff he asked my why had I run  
 And then it came to me just what I had done  
 And all for no reason, just one piece of lead  
 I hung my head, I hung my head.

Verse 3.  
 Here in the courthouse the whole town is there  
 I see the judge high up in his chair  
 Explain to the courtroom what went through your mind  
 And we ll ask the jury what verdict they ll find  
 I said I felt the power of death over life  
 I orphaned his children, I widowed his wife  
 I beg their forgiveness, I wish I was dead  
 I hung my head, I hung my head.

Verse 4.  
 Early one morning with time to kill

I see the gallows up on the hill  
And out in the distance, a trick of the brain  
I see a lone rider crossing the plain  
He s come to fetch me, to see what they done  
And we ll ride together til Kingdom come  
I pray for God s mercy for soon I ll be dead  
I hung my head, I hung my head.