

The Once And Future Carpenter
The Avett Brothers

Capo IV

Yes, I know the lyrics aren't quite right. But you'll get the idea.

[Intro] Opening riff that I am yet to derive. Then:

C G C G

[Verse 1]

C **F** **Dm** **F**
I ain't from Texas, but I made my way from Dallas
 Dm **G** **C - G**
and I know the lonesome sound is following
C **F** **Dm** **F**
I ain't a gambler, but I can recognize a hand
 Dm **G** **C - G**
and when to hold, when queens are staring back at me.

[Interlude]

e|-----0-----0----|
B|-----1-----0----|
G|-----2-----0----|
D|-----2-----2----|
A|-3-2-0--0-----2----|
E|-----3-2-0-0----|x3

C - F - G

[Verse 2] (Use chords from first verse).

Once I was a carpenter, man my hands were calloused
I could swing a metal mallet sure and straight
But I took to the highway, a poet young and hungry
and I left the timbers where they lay

[Chorus]

F **Fm**
Forever I will move like the world that turns beneath me
 C **Am** **G**
and when I lose my direction I'll look up to the sky
 F
and when the black cloak drags upon the ground
 Fm **C**
I'll be ready to surrender, and remember
 Am **G**
well we're all in this together
 F **Fm**
If I live the life I'm given, I won't be scared to die

[Verses 3+4] (Same as first two.)

And I don't come from Detroit, but her diesel motors pull me
and I followed till I finally lost my way
And now I spend my days in search of a woman we called purpose
And if I ever pass back through here town I'll stay

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[Verse 5]

And my life is but a coin, pulled from an empty pocket
Dropped into a slot with dreams of sevens close behind
And hope and fear go with it, and moon and the sun go spinning
Like the numbers and fruits before my eyes

[Bridge]

C **F** **G** **C**
Sometimes I hit, sometimes it robs me blind
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