

**Johnson Family**  
**The Devil Makes Three**

This is a fantastically dark song. It has the feel of an evil circus. If there is a hell, they play this song in hell and the people of hell enjoy it.

To create the waltzy quality, alternate the bass note with the note on the same fret a string below. For the Em in the verse, use the fifth string bar chord on the seventh fret.

**Bm** **Em**  
Born to a good father I have no excuse  
**F#** **Bm**  
I could say I blame someone but what would be the use  
**Bm** **Em**  
When I learn to travel now is when I learn to steal  
**F#** **Bm** **F#** **Bm**  
To ride without a ticket now along the lines of steel

**E** **A**  
Oh you don t know the things I have seen  
**D** **D7** **G** **F#**  
Twenty years out on the road with the Johnson Family  
**E** **A**  
Oh you don t know the cages I have seen  
**D** **D7** **G** **F#**  
Twenty years in and out of the Johnson Family

I d harnessed stones and took them to the fence  
I found my heart by moved the shop and always made the rent  
When I met old George now he showed me to the box  
Fresh out the night oh from the day now the money never stops

Oh you can t know the cages I have seen  
In and out over the years of the Johnson Family  
Oh you can t know the troubles I have seen  
Twenty years out on the road with the Johnson Family

Call me a thief and a liar now you know you would be right  
Straight as an arrow I sit here tonight  
All my debts too heavy boys I cannot pay them down  
I pawn my watch and take a walk down to the sea to drown

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Twenty years out on the road with the Johnson Family  
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