

A Hard Rains A-Gonna Fall

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[Intro]

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[Verse 1]

Oh, where have you been, my blue-eyed son?
Oh, where have you been, my darling young one?
I ve stumbled on the side of twelve misty mountains
I ve walked and I ve crawled on six crooked highways
I ve stepped in the middle of seven sad forests
I ve been out in front of a dozen dead oceans
I ve been ten thousand miles in the mouth of a graveyard
And it s a hard, it s a hard, it s a hard and it s a hard
And it s a hard rain s a gonna fall

[Verse]

Oh, what did you see, my blue-eyed son?
Oh, what did you see, my darling young one?
I saw a newborn baby with wild wolves all around it
I saw a highway of diamonds with nobody on it
I saw a black branch with blood that kept drippin
I saw a room full of men with their hammers a-bleedin
I saw a white ladder all covered with water
I saw ten thousand talkers whose tongues were all broken
I saw guns and sharp swords in the hands of young children
And it s a hard, it s a hard, it s a hard and it s a hard
And it s a hard rain s a gonna fall

[Verse]

C **G**
And what did you hear, my blue-eyed son?
 D
And what did you hear, my darling young one?
 C **D** **G**
I heard the sound of a thunder, it roared out a warnin
 C **D** **G**
Heard the roar of a wave that could drown the whole world
 C **D** **G**
Heard one hundred drummers whose hands were a blazin
 C **D** **G**
Heard ten thousand whisperin and nobody listenin
 C **D** **G**
Heard one person starve, I heard many people laughin
 C **D** **G**
Heard the song of a poet who died in the gutter
 C **D** **G**
Heard the sound of a clown who cried in the alley
 D **G** **C**
And it s a hard, it s a hard, it s a hard and it s a hard
 G **D** **G**
And it s a hard rain s a gonna fall

[Verse]

C **G**
Oh, who did you meet, my blue-eyed son?
 D
Who did you meet, my darling young one?
 C **D** **G**
I met a young child beside a dead pony
 C **D** **G**
I met a white man who walked a black dog
 C **D** **G**
I met a young woman whose body was burning
 C **D** **G**
I met a young girl, she gave me a rainbow
 C **D** **G**
I met one man who was wounded in love
 C **D** **G**
I met another man who was wounded with hatred
 D **G** **C**
And it s a hard, it s a hard, it s a hard and it s a hard
 G **D** **G**
And it s a hard rain s a gonna fall

[Verse]

C **G**
Oh, what ll you do now, my blue-eyed son?
 D
Oh, what ll you do now, my darling young one?
 C **D** **G**
I m a goin back out fore the rain starts a-fallin

C **D** **G**
I ll walk to the depths of the deepest black forest
C **D** **G**
Where the people are many and their hands are all empty
C **D** **G**
Where the pellets of poison are flooding their waters
C **D** **G**
Where the home in the valley meets the damp dirty prison
C **D** **G**
Where the executioner s face is always well hidden
C **D** **G**
Where hunger is ugly, where souls are forgotten
C **D** **G**
Where black is the colour, where none is the number
C **D** **G**
And I ll tell it and think it and speak it and breathe it
C **D** **G**
And reflect it from the mountain so all souls can see it
C **D** **G**
Then I ll stand on the ocean until I start sinkin
C **D** **G**
But I ll know my song well before I start singin
D **G** **C**
And it s a hard, it s a hard, it s a hard and it s a hard
G **D** **G**
And it s a hard rain s a gonna fall