

**A Hard Rains A-Gonna Fall**  
**Tom Russell**

[Intro]

**G**

[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]

And what did you hear, my blue-eyed son?  
And what did you hear, my darling young one?  
I heard the sound of a thunder, it roared out a warnin  
Heard the roar of a wave that could drown the whole world  
Heard one hundred drummers whose hands were a blazin  
Heard ten thousand whisperin and nobody listenin  
Heard one person starve, I heard many people laughin  
Heard the song of a poet who died in the gutter  
Heard the sound of a clown who cried in the alley  
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, who did you meet, my blue-eyed son?  
Who did you meet, my darling young one?  
I met a young child beside a dead pony  
I met a white man who walked a black dog  
I met a young woman whose body was burning  
I met a young girl, she gave me a rainbow  
I met one man who was wounded in love  
I met another man who was wounded with hatred  
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 ll you do now, my blue-eyed son?  
Oh, what ll you do now, my darling young one?  
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