

Sins Of My Father
Tom Waits

Am **Am**
God said don t give me your tin horn prayers
Am **Am**
And don t buy roses from the street down there
Dm **Dm**
Took it all and took the dirt road home
Am **Am**
Dreaming of Jenny with the light brown hair
E7 **Am**
Night is falling like a bloody axe
E7 **Am**
Lies and rumours and the wind at my back
E7 **Am**
Hand on the wheel, Gravel on the road
E7 **E7**
Will the pawn shop sell me back what I sold

Am **Am** **E7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Am **E7** **Am**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

Am **Am**
Birds cry a warning from a hidden branch
Am **Am**
Carving out a future with a gun and an axe
Dm **Dm**
I m way beyond the gavel and the laws of man
Am **Am**
Still living in the palm of the grace of your hand
E7 **Am**
The world s not easy the blind man said
E7 **Am**
Turns on nothing but money and dread
E7 **Am**
Dogs been scratching at the door all night
E7 **E7**
Long necked birds flying out of the moonlight

Am **Am** **E7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Am **E7** **Am** **Am** **E7** **Am**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

Am **Am**
Smack dab in the middle of a dirty lie
Am **Am**
The star spangled glitter of his one good eye
Dm **Dm**
Everybody knows that the game was rigged
Am **Am**
Justice wears suspenders and a powdered wig
E7 **Am**
Dark town alleys been hiding you
E7 **Am**
Long bell tolling is your Waterloo
E7 **Am**
Oh baby what can you do
E7 **E7**
Does the light of God blind you, Or lead the way home for you

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Am **E7** **Am** **Am** **E7** **Am**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

INST: AS VERSE

Am **Am** **E7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Am **E7** **Am** **Am** **E7** **Am**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

Am **Am**
God almighty for righteousness sake
Am **Am**
Humiliation of our fallen state
Dm **Dm**
Written in the Book of Tubal Cain
Am **Am**
A long black coat will show no stain
E7 **Am**
Feel the heat and the burn on your back
E7 **Am**
The rip and the moan, The stretch of the rack
E7 **Am**
All my belongings in a flour sack
E7 **E7**
Will the place I come from take me back

Am **Am** **E7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother

Am **E7** **Am** **Am** **E7** **Am**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

Am **Am**
They ll hang me in the morning on a scaffold yea big
Am **Am**
To dance upon nothing to the Tyburn jig
Dm **Dm**
Treats you like a puppet when you re under it s spell
Am **Am**
Oh the heart is Heaven, But the mind is Hell
E7 **Am**
Jesus of Nazareth told Mike of the weeds
E7 **Am**
I s born at this time for a reason you see
E7 **Am**
When I m dead I ll be dead a long time
E7 **E7**
But the wines so pleasing and so sublime

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I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Am **E7** **Am** **Am** **E7** **Am**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

Am **Am**
Kissed my sweetheart by the chinaball tree
Am **Am**
Everything I done is between God and me
Dm **Dm**
Only he will judge how my time was spent
Am **Am**
Twentynine days of sinning and forty to repent
E7 **Am**
The horse is steady but the horse is blind
E7 **Am**
Wicked are the branches on the tree of mankind
E7 **Am**
The roots grow upward and the branches grow down
E7 **E7**
It s much too late to throw the dice again I ve found

Am **Am** **E7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Am **E7** **Am**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

Am **Am**
I m gonna wash them, I m gonna wash them
Am **Am**
I m gonna wash the sins of my Father
Am **E7**
I m gonna wash the sins of my Mother

Am

Am

I m gonna wash the sins of my brother

Am

Am

Am

Am

Till the water runs clear, Till the water runs clear

Am

Am

Am

Am

Till the water runs clear, Till the water runs clear