

Sins Of My Father

Tom Waits

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**Bbm** **Bbm**  
God said don t give me your tin horn prayers  
**Ebm** **Ebm**  
And don t buy roses from the street down there  
**Ebm** **Ebm**  
Took it all and took the dirt road home  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Dreaming of Jenny with the light brown hair  
**F7** **Bbm**  
Night is falling like a bloody axe  
**F7** **Bbm**  
Lies and rumours and the wind at my back  
**F7** **Bbm**  
Hand on the wheel, Gravel on the road  
**F7** **F7**  
Will the pawn shop sell me back what I sold

**Bbm** **Bbm** **F7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
**Bbm** **F7** **Bbm**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Birds cry a warning from a hidden branch  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Carving out a future with a gun and an axe  
**Ebm** **Ebm**  
I m way beyond the gavel and the laws of man  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Still living in the palm of the grace of your hand  
**F7** **Bbm**  
The world s not easy the blind man said  
**F7** **Bbm**  
Turns on nothing but money and dread  
**F7** **Bbm**  
Dogs been scratching at the door all night  
**F7** **F7**  
Long necked birds flying out of the moonlight

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

Smack dab in the middle of a dirty lie  
The star spangled glitter of his one good eye

Everybody knows that the game was rigged  
Justice wears suspenders and a powdered wig

Dark town alleys been hiding you  
Long bell tolling is your Waterloo

Oh baby what can you do

Does the light of God blind you, Or lead the way home for you

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INST: AS VERSE

I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
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God almighty for righteousness sake

Humiliation of our fallen state

Written in the Book of Tubal Cain

A long black coat will show no stain

Feel the heat and the burn on your back

The rip and the moan, The stretch of the rack

All my belongings in a flour sack

Will the place I come from take me back

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**Bbm** **Bbm**  
They ll hang me in the morning on a scaffold yea big  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
To dance upon nothing to the Tyburn jig  
**Ebm** **Ebm**  
Treats you like a puppet when you re under it s spell  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Oh the heart is Heaven, But the mind is Hell  
**F7** **Bbm**  
Jesus of Nazareth told Mike of the weeds  
**F7** **Bbm**  
I s born at this time for a reason you see  
**F7** **Bbm**  
When I m dead I ll be dead a long time  
**F7** **F7**  
But the wines so pleasing and so sublime

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

**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Kissed my sweetheart by the chinaball tree  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Everything I done is between God and me  
**Ebm** **Ebm**  
Only he will judge how my time was spent  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
Twentynine days of sinning and forty to repent  
**F7** **Bbm**  
The horse is steady but the horse is blind  
**F7** **Bbm**  
Wicked are the branches on the tree of mankind  
**F7** **Bbm**  
The roots grow upward and the branches grow down  
**F7** **F7**  
It s much too late to throw the dice again I ve found

**Bbm** **Bbm** **F7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
**Bbm** **F7** **Bbm**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

**Bbm** **Bbm**  
I m gonna wash them, I m gonna wash them  
**Bbm** **Bbm**  
I m gonna wash the sins of my Father

**Bbm**

**F7**

I m gonna wash the sins of my Mother

**Bbm**

**Bbm**

I m gonna wash the sins of my brother

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Till the water runs clear,

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