

Sins Of My Father  
Tom Waits

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Gm Gm  
God said don t give me your tin horn prayers  
Gm Gm  
And don t buy roses from the street down there  
Cm Cm  
Took it all and took the dirt road home  
Gm Gm  
Dreaming of Jenny with the light brown hair  
D7 Gm  
Night is falling like a bloody axe  
D7 Gm  
Lies and rumours and the wind at my back  
D7 Gm  
Hand on the wheel, Gravel on the road  
D7 D7  
Will the pawn shop sell me back what I sold

Gm Gm D7  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
Gm D7 Gm  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

Gm Gm  
Birds cry a warning from a hidden branch  
Gm Gm  
Carving out a future with a gun and an axe  
Cm Cm  
I m way beyond the gavel and the laws of man  
Gm Gm  
Still living in the palm of the grace of your hand  
D7 Gm  
The world s not easy the blind man said  
D7 Gm  
Turns on nothing but money and dread  
D7 Gm  
Dogs been scratching at the door all night  
D7 D7  
Long necked birds flying out of the moonlight

**Gm** **Gm** **D7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
**Gm** **D7** **Gm** **Gm** **D7** **Gm**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

**Gm** **Gm**  
Smack dab in the middle of a dirty lie  
**Gm** **Gm**  
The star spangled glitter of his one good eye  
**Cm** **Cm**  
Everybody knows that the game was rigged  
**Gm** **Gm**  
Justice wears suspenders and a powdered wig  
**D7** **Gm**  
Dark town alleys been hiding you  
**D7** **Gm**  
Long bell tolling is your Waterloo  
**D7** **Gm**  
Oh baby what can you do  
**D7** **D7**  
Does the light of God blind you, Or lead the way home for you

**Gm** **Gm** **D7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
**Gm** **D7** **Gm** **Gm** **D7** **Gm**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

INST: AS VERSE

**Gm** **Gm** **D7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
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I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

**Gm** **Gm**  
God almighty for righteousness sake  
**Gm** **Gm**  
Humiliation of our fallen state  
**Cm** **Cm**  
Written in the Book of Tubal Cain  
**Gm** **Gm**  
A long black coat will show no stain  
**D7** **Gm**  
Feel the heat and the burn on your back  
**D7** **Gm**  
The rip and the moan, The stretch of the rack  
**D7** **Gm**  
All my belongings in a flour sack  
**D7** **D7**  
Will the place I come from take me back

**Gm** **Gm** **D7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother

**Gm** **D7** **Gm** **Gm** **D7** **Gm**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

**Gm** **Gm**  
They ll hang me in the morning on a scaffold yea big  
**Gm** **Gm**  
To dance upon nothing to the Tyburn jig  
**Cm** **Cm**  
Treats you like a puppet when you re under it s spell  
**Gm** **Gm**  
Oh the heart is Heaven, But the mind is Hell  
**D7** **Gm**  
Jesus of Nazareth told Mike of the weeds  
**D7** **Gm**  
I s born at this time for a reason you see  
**D7** **Gm**  
When I m dead I ll be dead a long time  
**D7** **D7**  
But the wines so pleasing and so sublime

**Gm** **Gm** **D7**  
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**Gm** **D7** **Gm** **Gm** **D7** **Gm**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

**Gm** **Gm**  
Kissed my sweetheart by the chinaball tree  
**Gm** **Gm**  
Everything I done is between God and me  
**Cm** **Cm**  
Only he will judge how my time was spent  
**Gm** **Gm**  
Twentynine days of sinning and forty to repent  
**D7** **Gm**  
The horse is steady but the horse is blind  
**D7** **Gm**  
Wicked are the branches on the tree of mankind  
**D7** **Gm**  
The roots grow upward and the branches grow down  
**D7** **D7**  
It s much too late to throw the dice again I ve found

**Gm** **Gm** **D7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
**Gm** **D7** **Gm**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

**Gm** **Gm**  
I m gonna wash them, I m gonna wash them  
**Gm** **Gm**  
I m gonna wash the sins of my Father  
**Gm** **D7**  
I m gonna wash the sins of my Mother

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I m gonna wash the sins of my brother

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Till the water runs clear,

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