

Sins Of My Father  
Tom Waits

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**G#m** **G#m**  
God said don t give me your tin horn prayers  
**G#m** **G#m**  
And don t buy roses from the street down there  
**C#m** **C#m**  
Took it all and took the dirt road home  
**G#m** **G#m**  
Dreaming of Jenny with the light brown hair  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
Night is falling like a bloody axe  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
Lies and rumours and the wind at my back  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
Hand on the wheel, Gravel on the road  
**Eb7** **Eb7**  
Will the pawn shop sell me back what I sold

**G#m** **G#m** **Eb7**  
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother  
**G#m** **Eb7** **G#m**  
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

**G#m** **G#m**  
Birds cry a warning from a hidden branch  
**G#m** **G#m**  
Carving out a future with a gun and an axe  
**C#m** **C#m**  
I m way beyond the gavel and the laws of man  
**G#m** **G#m**  
Still living in the palm of the grace of your hand  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
The world s not easy the blind man said  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
Turns on nothing but money and dread  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
Dogs been scratching at the door all night  
**Eb7** **Eb7**  
Long necked birds flying out of the moonlight

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**G#m** **G#m**  
 Smack dab in the middle of a dirty lie  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 The star spangled glitter of his one good eye  
**C#m** **C#m**  
 Everybody knows that the game was rigged  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 Justice wears suspenders and a powdered wig  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 Dark town alleys been hiding you  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 Long bell tolling is your Waterloo  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 Oh baby what can you do  
**Eb7** **Eb7**  
 Does the light of God blind you, Or lead the way home for you  
  
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**G#m** **G#m**  
 God almighty for righteousness sake  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 Humiliation of our fallen state  
**C#m** **C#m**  
 Written in the Book of Tubal Cain  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 A long black coat will show no stain  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 Feel the heat and the burn on your back  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 The rip and the moan, The stretch of the rack  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 All my belongings in a flour sack  
**Eb7** **Eb7**  
 Will the place I come from take me back

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**G#m** **G#m**  
 They ll hang me in the morning on a scaffold yea big  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 To dance upon nothing to the Tyburn jig  
**C#m** **C#m**  
 Treats you like a puppet when you re under it s spell  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 Oh the heart is Heaven, But the mind is Hell  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 Jesus of Nazareth told Mike of the weeds  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 I s born at this time for a reason you see  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 When I m dead I ll be dead a long time  
**Eb7** **Eb7**  
 But the wines so pleasing and so sublime

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**G#m** **G#m**  
 Kissed my sweetheart by the chinaball tree  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 Everything I done is between God and me  
**C#m** **C#m**  
 Only he will judge how my time was spent  
**G#m** **G#m**  
 Twentynine days of sinning and forty to repent  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 The horse is steady but the horse is blind  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 Wicked are the branches on the tree of mankind  
**Eb7** **G#m**  
 The roots grow upward and the branches grow down  
**Eb7** **Eb7**  
 It s much too late to throw the dice again I ve found

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

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**Eb7**

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, Till the water runs clear

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