

Sins Of My Father
Tom Waits

Bm **Bm**
God said don t give me your tin horn prayers
Bm **Bm**
And don t buy roses from the street down there
Em **Em**
Took it all and took the dirt road home
Bm **Bm**
Dreaming of Jenny with the light brown hair
F#7 **Bm**
Night is falling like a bloody axe
F#7 **Bm**
Lies and rumours and the wind at my back
F#7 **Bm**
Hand on the wheel, Gravel on the road
F#7 **F#7**
Will the pawn shop sell me back what I sold

Bm **Bm** **F#7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Bm **F#7** **Bm**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

Bm **Bm**
Birds cry a warning from a hidden branch
Bm **Bm**
Carving out a future with a gun and an axe
Em **Em**
I m way beyond the gavel and the laws of man
Bm **Bm**
Still living in the palm of the grace of your hand
F#7 **Bm**
The world s not easy the blind man said
F#7 **Bm**
Turns on nothing but money and dread
F#7 **Bm**
Dogs been scratching at the door all night
F#7 **F#7**
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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I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

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

I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother

Bm **F#7** **Bm** **Bm** **F#7** **Bm**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

Bm **Bm**
They ll hang me in the morning on a scaffold yea big
Bm **Bm**
To dance upon nothing to the Tyburn jig
Em **Em**
Treats you like a puppet when you re under it s spell
Bm **Bm**
Oh the heart is Heaven, But the mind is Hell
F#7 **Bm**
Jesus of Nazareth told Mike of the weeds
F#7 **Bm**
I s born at this time for a reason you see
F#7 **Bm**
When I m dead I ll be dead a long time
F#7 **F#7**
But the wines so pleasing and so sublime

Bm **Bm** **F#7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Bm **F#7** **Bm** **Bm** **F#7** **Bm**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond, Down to the pond

Bm **Bm**
Kissed my sweetheart by the chinaball tree
Bm **Bm**
Everything I done is between God and me
Em **Em**
Only he will judge how my time was spent
Bm **Bm**
Twentynine days of sinning and forty to repent
F#7 **Bm**
The horse is steady but the horse is blind
F#7 **Bm**
Wicked are the branches on the tree of mankind
F#7 **Bm**
The roots grow upward and the branches grow down
F#7 **F#7**
It s much too late to throw the dice again I ve found

Bm **Bm** **F#7**
I m gonna take the sins of my Father, I m gonna take the sins of my Mother
Bm **F#7** **Bm**
I m gonna take the sins of my brother, Down to the pond

Bm **Bm**
I m gonna wash them, I m gonna wash them
Bm **Bm**
I m gonna wash the sins of my Father
Bm **F#7**
I m gonna wash the sins of my Mother

Bm

Bm

I m gonna wash the sins of my brother

Bm

Bm

Bm

Bm

Till the water runs clear,

Till the water runs clear

Bm

Bm

Bm

Bm

Till the water runs clear,

Till the water runs clear