

**San Francisco Mabel Joy  
Waylon Jennings**

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\*\*\*\*\* SAN FRANCISCO MABEL JOY \*\*\*\*\*

performed by Waylon Jennings.

Capo on the 3rd fret.

Verse 1:

His daddy was a honest man, a red dirt Georgia farmer  
His mama lived a short life having kids and bailing hay  
He had fifteen years of ache inside to wander  
He jumped a freight in Waycross and wound up in L.A.

Verse 2:

The cold nights had no pity on that Waycross Georgia farm boy  
Most days he went hungry, then the summer came  
He met a girl known on the strip as San Francisco Mabel Joy  
Destitutions child born on an L.A. street called shame

Verse 3:

Growing up came quietly in the arms of Mabel Joy  
Laughter found their mornings it brought new meaning to his life  
The night before she left sleep came and found that Waycross country boy  
With dreams of Georgia cotton and California wine

Verse 4:

D A

Sunday morning found him beneath the red light at her door

**E**

A right cross sent him reeling and put him face down on the floor

**D**

**A**

Inplace of Mabel Joy he found a merchant mad marine

**E**

He said your Georgia neck is red, but sonny you re still green

Verse 5:

**A**

**D**

**A**

He turned twenty-one in grey rock federal prison

**E**

The judge had no mercy on this Waycross, Georgia boy

**A**

**D**

**A**

Staring at those four grey wall in silence, Lord he listened

**E**

To the midnight freight he knew could take him back to Mabel Joy

Verse 6:

**D**

**A**

Sunday morning found him beneath the red light at her door

**E**

With a bullet in his side he cried, have you seen Mabel Joy

**D**

**A**

Stunned and shaken someone said she don t live here no more

**E**

She left this house four years ago she was looking for

**D**

Some Georgia farm boy

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