Boy From Oklahoma Willis Alan Ramsey

Boy from Oklahoma by Willis Alan Ramsey (Wishbone Music)

Tabs by Casey Carr

C F

Travelin' across the country

G (

playin' on the circuit line

C Am

sometimes I think about a man

D7 G

who was here before my time.

F C

Named for the 28th president

F

with a Guthrie tacked to the end.

C G

born in Okemah shoes

Bb F

with the Dust Bowl blues,

C

a friend of the working man.

C

Now he wasn't partial to New York buildings

G (

that tried to touch the sky

C Am D7 G7

West Virginia coal mines that took so many lives

F C

for the way they drove the migrant workers

F G

back over into Mexico way.

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and the scabs they run

Bb E

when they heard he'd come

C

and the bosses started to pray.

Chorus:

F G

Just a boy from Oklahoma

C Am

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on an endless one-night stand
wan'drin' and a-ramblin'
driftinâ€™ with the midnight sand.
He played the blues and the ballads
and all that came between
his heart was in the Union
and his soul was reachin' out
                     C
                          Gm C
for the servant's dream.
            C
Now I was talking to a man that met him
in a bar near Clovis town.
He said the whole place was a-shakin'
as he was passing his songs around.
In between the tunes he asked him
where heâ\in<sup>m</sup>d be when the morrow came
He said through his grin,
           Bb
I put my thumb in the wind
and \hat{\text{la}} \in \mathbb{M} m off down the road again.
Chorus:
       F
Just a boy from Oklahoma
on an endless one-night stand
I wander and I ramble
and I drift with the midnight sand.
I play the blues and the ballads
and all that comes between
my heart is in the Union
        Bb
and my soul is reachin' out
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C Gm C

for the servant's dream.

C

Now you know that Woody Guthrie

G C

Is dead and buried in the ground

C Am

Sometimes I sing his songs

07 G7

and I get to thinkinâ \in [™] that heâ \in [™]s still around.

F

I'll hold that his fires everlastin'

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Testify that his voice has rung true

C G

and the ramblin' man's ris'

Bb E

and the kingdom's his

C

but his songs are for me and you.

Chorus: