

The Bolton Stretch
Yonder Mountain String Band

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Verse 1

D ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **C** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G**
 He cracks a wicked smile, had his foot pressed to the floor
D ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **C** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G**
 ^ ^ Flyin down country roads that he s been down before
D ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **C** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G** ^ ^ ^ **A**
 One of just three men that the sheriff cannot catch
Bm ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **A** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G**
 And he s travelin 90 miles an hour, down the Bolton Stretch ^

D ^ **C** ^ **G** (2x)

Verse 2

D ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **C** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G**
 The first time we had seen his face was back in 84
D ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **C** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G**
 He walked right into old O Hares, he robbed that liquor store
D ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **C** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G** ^ ^ ^ ^ **A**
 The sheriff tried to catch him but the man he got away
Bm ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **A** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **G** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^
 And he didn t show his face in town again until today

Chorus:

^ ^ ^ **Em** ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **D**
 He Didn t come for justice, didn t come to make amends
Em ^ **D**
 Doesn t ask forgiveness, he s not looking to make friends
Em ^ **D** ^ ^ ^ **A** ^ ^ ^ **G**
 Just that he was passing through with money wearin thin
 ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ **A** ^
 Now he s travelin down the Bolton Stretch again

Break: 2x

D C G
D C ^ G
D C G ^ A
Bm A ^ G

Em D
Em D
Em D A G
A

Verse 3

D **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **C** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G**
 He watches all the trees fly by, but doesn't seem to care
D **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **C** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G**
 Knows it's time to leave again, but doesn't know to where
D **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **C** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G** **A** **A** **A**
 And though he stole a lot of money, it's not enough for bail
Bm **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G** **A** **A**
 And there are two blue lights behind him now, the sheriff's on his trail

D C A G (2x)

Verse 4

D **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **C** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G**
 Since the day that he was born he spent his whole life livin' free
D **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **C** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G**
 With nothing but the loosest ties to friends and family
D **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **C** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G** **A** **A** **A**
 No punishment will make him care about the things he's done
Bm **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A**
 And if he lives another 20 years he'll live 'em on the run

Chorus:

A **A** **Em** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **D**
 He Didn't come for justice, didn't come to make amends
Em **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **D**
 Doesn't ask forgiveness, he's not looking to make friends
Em **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **D** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G**
 Just that he was passing through with money wearin' thin
A
 Now he's travelin' down the Bolton Stretch again

Break 2: (2x)

D C G
D C A G
D C G A A
Bm A A G

Chorus:

A **A** **Em** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **D**
 He Didn't come for justice, didn't come to make amends
Em **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **D**
 Doesn't ask forgiveness, he's not looking to make friends
Em **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **A** **D** **A** **A** **A** **A** **G**
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