

Devil's Right Hand

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Note: Check recording for strumming pattern. (Triple strum at the end of some lines)

Capo on the 2nd Fret

Intro: COUNT-IN, D D D D

D

'Bout the time my daddy left to fight the big war

A

I saw my first pistol in the general store

In the general store, I was thirteen

D

I thought it was the finest thing I ever had seen

Asked if I could have it someday when I grew up

A

Mama dropped a dozen eggs, she really blew up

Yeah she really blew up, I didn't understand

D

Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand

Chorus:

G

The devil's right hand

D G D

The devil's right hand

A

D

Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.

Interlude: D, D

D

My very first pistol was a cap and ball Colt

A

Shoot as fast as lightnin' but she'd load a mighty slow

Loads a mighty slow. I soon found out;

D

It'll get you into trouble but it can't get you out

So then I went and bought myself a Colt .45

A

It was called a Peacemaker, but i never knew why

Never knew why, I didn't understand

D

Mama says the pistol is the devil's right hand

Chorus: X2

G

The devil's right hand

D G D

The devil's right hand

A

D

Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.

Solo: D, A, D

(Key Change)

E

Well I got into a card game in a company town

Caught a miner cheatin' and I shot the dog down

B

I shot the dog down, I watched the man fall

E

Never touched his holster, never had a chance to draw

The trial was in the morning and they drug me outta bed

B

Asked me how I pleaded, "not guilty," I said

Not guilty I said, you got the wrong man

E

Nothin' touched the trigger but the devil's right hand

Chorus (With Key Change):

A

The devil's right hand

E A E

The devil's right hand

B

E

Mama said the pistol is the devil's right hand.

A

The devil's right hand

E A E

The devil's right hand

B

E

Nothin' touched the trigger but the devil's right hand

A E A E

E