

Missouri Borderlands

Mandolin Orange

[Intro - as per verse]

[C]

[Am] [F] [C]

[F] [Am]

[G] [C]

I am **[C]** far - away from home.
 With neither **[Am]**fam**[F]**lie - nor **[C]** friends
 I never **[F]** meant - to stay so **[Am]**long
 In the **[G]**Missouri - border**[C]**lands

Three years **[C]**ago - I held a job
 Saw the **[Am]** world - from **[F]** pony **[C]** sway
 Riding **[F]** drag - on a dusty **[Am]** mount
 I knew I'd **[G]** worked - when I drew my **[C]** pay

But times got **[C]** hard - Christ times got mean.
 And I fell **[Am]** in - with **[F]** desperate **[C]** men
 And one **[F]** night - the worst of **[Am]** them.
 Laid out what **[G]** was - an awful **[C]** plan

[Break - as per verse]

[C]

[Am] [F] [C]

[F] [Am]

[G] [C]

I did not **[C]** like - such wicked talk
 Of **[Am]** Murder **[F]** and - bold robbe**[C]**ry
 I told those **[F]** men - I would **[Am]** walk
 And they all **[G]** aimed - their guns at **[C]** me

Their prisoner **[C]** I - helped rob a bank
 And much **[Am]**gold - we **[F]** did ob**[C]**tain
 They shot a **[F]** boy - just for the **[Am]** sport
 I stood and **[G]** watched - his young life **[C]** wane

Such dreadful **[C]** sounds - I'd never heard
 His mother's **[Am]**wailing - **[F]** filled the **[C]** room
 She looked at **[F]** me - and screamed these **[Am]** words
 the evil **[G]** take you - to your **[C]** doom

[Break - as per verse]

[C]
[Am] [F] [C]
[F] [Am]
[G] [C]

I turned to **[C]** face - that murderous crew
 Shot `em **[Am]** dead - I **[F]** killed all **[C]** four
 And the **[F]**only thing - that I **[Am]** rue
 Was I had not **[G]** thought - of that **[C]** before

The posse **[C]** found me - outside of town -
 As I was **[Am]** kneeling - **[F]** there to **[C]** pray
 From my gallows **[F]** high I to lay **[Am]** down
 In a **[G]** dark Missouri **[C]** grave

(quiet)

Please hide the **[C]** rope stains around my neck
 When my **[Am]** mother - **[F]** sees me **[C]** dead
 Please don't **[F]** let - my brothers **[Am]** take
 The fateful **[G]** path I chose to **[C]** tread

(quiet)

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 With neither **[Am]**fam**[F]**lie nor **[C]** friends
 I never **[F]** meant - to stay so **[Am]**long
 In the **[G]**Missouri border**[C]**lands
 (single strums)
 And now I'll **[F]** spend - eterni**[Am]**ty
 In the **[G]** Missouri border **[C]** lands