

Motherless Children

Recorded by Rev.Gary Davis and Blind Willie Johnson
 Played by Bob Dylan in the second Gaslight show 1962

Double dropped D tuning (D-A-d-g-b-d')
 Capo 5th fret

D Csus2 G D
 Motherless children run a hard road when yer mother's dead
 D Csus2 G Asus4
 Motherless children run a hard road when yer mother is dead
 D
 Motherless children run a hard road
 Csus2 G
 hard road, hard road
 D /f /g /a
 Motherless children run a hard road when your mother is dead
 Motherless ... hard road when yr mother is dead

Your Father will do the best he can when your mother is dead
 Your Father will do the best he can when your mother is dead
 Your Father will do the best he can
 But he jus' does not understand
 Motherless children run a hard road when yer mother is dead
 hard road ... mother... dead

An' some people say, "Your sister might do when your mother's dead."
 An' some people say, "Your sister might do when your mother is dead."
 Some people say "Your sister will do"
 Soon as she marries, turn yer back on you.
 Motherless children run a hard road when yer mother is dead

You can dig my grave with a bloody spade when I'm dead
 You can dig my grave with a bloody spade when I'm dead
 You can dig my grave with a bloody spade
 See that my digger gets well paid
 Motherless children run a hard road when yer mother is dead

Jesus won't be no mother to you when your mother is dead
 Jesus won't be no mother to you when your mother is dead
 Jesus won't be no mother to you
 His trials and tribulations won't see you through
 Motherless children run a hard road when yer mother is dead