

## Cautious Man-crd

G C  
 Bill Horton was a cautious man of the road  
 G D  
 He walked lookin' over his shoulder and remained faithful to its code  
 G C  
 When something caught his eye he'd measure his need  
 G D G  
 And then very carefully he'd proceed

C  
 Billy met a young girl in the early days of May  
 G Bm C  
 It was there in her arms he let his cautiousness slip away  
 G C  
 In their lovers twilight as the evening sky grew dim  
 G D G  
 He'd lay back in her arms and laugh what had happened to him

C  
 On his right hand Billy tattooed the word love  
 Bm  
 And on his left hand was the word fear  
 G D  
 And in which hand he held his fate was never clear  
 G C  
 Come Indian summer he took his young lover for his bride  
 G D G  
 And with own hands built a great house down by the riverside

| G | C | G | G | c D |

G C  
 Now Billy was an honest man he wanted to do what was right  
 G D  
 He worked hard to fill their lives with happy days and loving nights  
 G C  
 Alone on his knees in the darkness for steadiness he'd pray  
 G D G  
 For he knew in a restless heart the seed of betrayal lay

C Bm  
 One night Billy awoke from a terrible dream callin' his wife's name  
 G D  
 She lay breathing beside him in a peaceful sleep a thousand miles away  
 G C  
 He got dressed in the moonlight and down to the highway he strode  
 G D G  
 When he got there he didn't find nothing but road

| G | C | C | Bm7 | Bm7

G C  
 Billy felt a coldness rise up inside him that he couldn't name  
 G Bm C  
 Just as the words tattooed 'cross his knuckles he knew would always remain  
 G  
 At their bedside he brushed the hair from his wife's face  
 C  
 as the moon shone on her skin so white  
 G D G  
 Filling their room with the beauty of God's fallen light

G C D Bm Bm7  
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