

# Traditional Gospel Songs with Chords

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### The Ballad of Arlis Richards

[capo on 3rd fret]

G Am G  
Arlis Richards was a man who lived among the blacks.  
Am G  
He was a crosstie walker with guitar on his back  
Am G  
Barely educated, couldn't write his name.  
Am G  
When he played his guitar, this is what he sang;

CHORUS

G B7 Em C G D C  
I have been set free, pain and misery no longer follow me I know Jesus!

Am G  
Just outside of Memphis back in '52  
Am G  
Arlis was a ramblin the way that he would do.  
Am G  
Playing on his guitar sitting in the shade,  
Am G  
people came to listen to the music that he made;

CHORUS

G B7 Em C G D C  
I have been set free, pain and misery no longer follow me I know Jesus!

(Unable to figure out the bridge)

Some folks walked on by, when they saw the color of his skin.

Others stayed and cried, when they saw the man within.

CHORUS

G B7 Em C G D C  
I have been set free, pain and misery no longer follow me I know Jesus!  
G B7 Em C G D C  
I have been set free, pain and misery no longer follow me I know Jesus  
G  
and he knows me!!