

High Sheriff Of Hazard  
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Capo 2nd fret

(Amin) (C) (E7) (Amin)

Now the High Sheriff of Hazard is a (C)hard working (Amin)man,  
To (C)be a fine sheriff is (G)his only plan,  
With his (Amin)hands in our pockets, hell (C)takes what he (Amin)can,  
For (C)he's the High (E7)Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard.

He went through my pockets and (C)searched them with (Amin)care,  
But (C)nary a nickel or (G)penny was there.  
So I (Amin)got thirty days and some (C)bumps in my (Amin)hair,  
God (C)bless the High (E7)Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard. (C) (E7) (Amin)

He caught me one evening and (C)here's what he (Amin)said,  
"You (C)look like a Russian, you (G)look like a Red,  
And (Amin)if you are fond of your (C)skin and your (Amin)head,  
Be(C)ware the High (E7)Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard".

I thanked him politely, I (C)thanked him for (Amin)all,  
And (C)five minutes later I (G)made a phone call,  
To (Amin)call a strike meeting at (C)our union (Amin)hall,  
And (C)damn the High (E7)Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard. (C) (E7) (Amin)

Now, men there are many who (C)sweat out their (Amin)lives  
To (C)scratch out a living for (G)children and wives,  
They (Amin)sweat for their pennies while the (C)mine owner (Amin)thrives  
With the (C) blessings of the (E7)High Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard.

And when union men strike and the (C)troubles come (Amin)on,  
The (C)High Sheriff's word is the (G)mine owner's bond,  
He's a (Amin)mine owner, too, you know (C)which side he's (Amin)on,  
He's the (C)wealthy High (E7)Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard. (C) (E7) (Amin)

Well, it seems to be so since this (C)world first be(Amin)gan,  
That (C)some men are willing to (G)scheme and to plan,  
To (Amin)gouge out a fortune from the (C)poor working (Amin)man,  
For e(C)xample, the (E7)High Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard.

But the answer is simple, the (C)answer is (Amin)clear,  
We'll (C)all get together with (G)nothing to fear,  
And (Amin)throw the old bastard right (C)out on his (Amin)ear,  
Fare(C)well to the (E7)High Sheriff of (Amin)Hazard.