

Sit Down Young Stranger

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G C G
I'm standin' at the doorway, my head down in my hands
C G D
Not knowin' where to sit, not knowin' where I stand
G C G
My father looms above me, for him there is no rest
C G D
My mother's arms enfold me and hold me to her breast
G C G
"They say you've been out wanderin', they say you've traveled far
C G D
Sit down, young stranger and tell us who you are"
G C G
The room has all gone misty, my thoughts are all in spin
C G D G
"Sit down, young stranger and tell us where you been"
C G
"Well, I've been up to the mountain, I've walked down by the sea
C G D
I never questioned no one and no one questioned me
G C G
My love was given freely and oft-times was returned
C G D
I never came to borrow, I only came to learn
G C G
Sometimes it did get lonely, but it taught me how to cry
C G D
And laughter came to easy for life to pass me by
G C G
I never had a dollar that I didn't earn with pride
C G D
'Cause I had a million daydreams to keep me satisfied"

G G C G C G D G

A D A
"And will you gather daydreams, or will you gather wealth?
D A E
How can you find your fortune if you cannot find yourself?"
A D A
My mother's eyes grow misty, there's a tremblin' in her hand
D A E
"Sit down, young stranger, I do not understand
A D A
And will you try and tell us that you've been too long at school?
D A E
That knowledge is not needed, that power does not rule?
A D A
That war is not the answer, that young men should not die?
D A E
Sit down young stranger, I wait for your reply"
A D A
"The answer is not easy for souls are not reborn
D A E
To wear the crown of peace, you must wear the Crown of Thorns
A D A
If Jesus had a reason, I'm sure he would not tell

D **A** **E**
 They treated him so badly, how could he wish them well?"
A **D** **A**
 The parlor now is empty, there's nothin' left to say
D **A** **E**
 My father has departed, my mother's gone to pray
A **D** **A**
 There's rockets in the meadows and ships out on the sea
D **A** **E**
 The answer's in the forest, carved upon a tree:
D **A** **E** **A**
 "John loves Mary,"...does anyone love me?