

John Hardy

from the playing of Mike Seeger

Tab by Christopher Berry
Tuning: gDGB \flat D

4/4

Measures 1-4: Measure 1: 2 2 2 2 | Measure 2: 0 0 2 2 | Measure 3: 0 0 2 0 | Measure 4: 0 0 0 0 |

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Measures 5-8: Measure 5: 2 2 2 2 | Measure 6: 0 0 2 2 | Measure 7: 0 0 2 0 | Measure 8: 0 0 2 0 |

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Measures 9-12: Measure 9: 2 2 2 2 | Measure 10: 0 0 2 2 | Measure 11: 0 0 2 0 | Measure 12: 0 0 3 0 |

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Measures 13-16: Measure 13: 2 0 2 0 | Measure 14: 2 0 3 0 | Measure 15: 0 0 3 0 | Measure 16: 2 0 2 0 |

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Measures 17-20: Measure 17: 2 0 2 0 | Measure 18: 2 0 3 0 | Measure 19: 0 0 3 0 | Measure 20: 0 0 0 0 |

John Hardy

From the singing of Mike Seeger (he got it from J.W. Russell on a Library of Congress recording)

(lyrics are modified from the Carter Family version)

John Hardy was a desperate little man,
He carried two guns every day,
He killed him a man on the West Virginia line,
You oughta seen John Hardy getting away, poor boy,
Oughta seen John Hardy getting away

He went on across to the East Stone Bridge,
There he thought he'd be free,
But up steps the sheriff and takes him by the arm
Says Johnny come along with me, poor boy,
Johnny come along with me.

He sent for his poppa and his mama too,
To come and go his bail,
But there weren't no bail on a murder charge,
So they threw John Hardy back in jail, poor boy
Threw John Hardy back in jail.

John Hardy had a pretty little girl,
And the dress that she wore was blue,
She threw her arms all around his neck,
Saying daddy I have always been true, poor boy,
Daddy I have always been true.

I've been to the east and I've been to the west,
Been this wide world around,
Been to the river and I've been baptized,
And now I'm on my hanging ground,
Now I'm on my hanging ground.

Pretty Saro

from the playing of Gaither Carlton

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Measures 1-5 of the guitar tab. The time signature is 4/4. Measure 1: H, 0-2, 0, 0. Measure 2: Po, 2-0, 0-2, 0. Measure 3: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 4: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 5: Po, 2-0, 0, 2.

Measures 6-10 of the guitar tab. Measure 6: H, 0-2, 0, 2. Measure 7: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 8: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 9: H, 0-2, 0, 0. Measure 10: Po, 2-0, 0-2, 0.

Measures 11-15 of the guitar tab. Measure 11: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 12: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 13: 3, 0, 2-0, 0. Measure 14: 0, 0-2, 0, 0. Measure 15: 0, 0, 0, 0.

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Musical notation for measures 16-20. Measure 16: 0, 0, 0, 2. Measure 17: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 18: Po (2, 0), 0. Measure 19: Po (2, 0), 0. Measure 20: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 21: 0, 2, 0, 2. Measure 22: 0, 0, 0, 0.

21

Musical notation for measures 21-25. Measure 21: 0, 0, 2, 0. Measure 22: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 23: 0, 2, 0, 0. Measure 24: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 25: Po (2, 0), 0, 0, 0.

26

Musical notation for measures 26-30. Measure 26: 0, 0, H (0, 2), 0. Measure 27: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 28: H (0, 2), 0, 0. Measure 29: 0, 2, 0, 0. Measure 30: 0, 0, 0, 0.

Pretty Saro

From the singing of Gaither Carlton

Pretty Saro, pretty Saro, likewise my mother too,
I've started for to ramble this country all through,
When I get tired, I'll sit down and weep,
I'll think of my little darling wherever I sleep.

It's not this long journey I'm a-dreading to go,
Nor the country I'm a-leaving, nor the debts that I owe,
But there's one thing that grieves me and troubles my mind,
That's leaving my little darling way back here behind.