

CHEROKEE BEND (Anth III, p 52)

Em **Em** **Bs**
HIS FATHER WAS A MAN WHO COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND
G **G**
THE SHAME ON A RED MAN'S FACE
Em **Bs -** **Em**
SO THEY LIVED IN THE HILLS AND THEY NEVER CAME DOWN
Bs **Em**
BUT TO TRADE IN THE WHITE MAN'S PLACE.
Em **Em**
EARLY IN THE SPRING WHEN THE SNOW HAD DISAPPEARED
G **G**
THEY CAME DOWN WITH A BAG O' SKINS;
Em **Bs -** **Em**
IN THE FALL OF THE YEAR OF NINETEEN TEN
Bs **Bs -** **Em** **Em**
DADDY DIED BY THE ROPE DOWN IN CHEROKEE BEND.
Am **Am**
DADDY DIDN'T LIKE WHAT THE WHITE MAN SAID
B7 **B7**
'BOUT THE DIRTY LITTLE KID AT HIS SIDE.
Am **Am**
DADDY DIDN'T LIKE WHAT THE WHITE MAN DID
B7 **B7**
NOR THE DEAL OR THE WAY THAT HE LIED.
Em **Em**
THERE WAS BLOOD ON THE FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT STORE
G **G**
WHEN THE MEN TOOK HIS DADDY AWAY,
Em **Bs -** **Em**
AND THE BOY LOOKED ON WHEN HE CAME TO HIS END;
Bs **Bs** **Em** **Em** **Em** **Em**
THEN HE RUN LIKE THE WIND FROM CHEROKEE BEND.
Em **Em**
NOW THE MOTHER WAS ALONE AND THE WINTER WAS AT HAND
G **G**
AND SHE PRAYED TO HER SPIRIT KIN.
Em **Bs -** **Em**
IT WAS WARM IN THE LODGE IN THE KENTUCKY HILLS
Bs **Em**
ON THE DAY WHEN THE BOY CAME IN.
Em **Em**
THEN A BLIZZARD CAME DOWN AND IT COVERED UP THE DOOR
G **G**
TILL THEY THOUGHT THAT IT NEVER WOULD END,
Em **Bs -** **Em**
AND HE TOLD HER THE TALE OF THE TERRIBLE AFFAIR
Bs **Bs** **Em** **Em**
IN THE GOVERNMENT STORE DOWN AT CHEROKEE BEND.
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B7 **B7**
'BOUT THE DIRTY LITTLE KID AT HIS SIDE.
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B7 **B7**
NOR THE DEAL OR THE WAY THAT HE LIED.
Em **Em**
FOR THREE LONG DAYS AND THREE LONG NIGHTS
G **G**
THEY WEPT AND THEY MOURNED AND THEN

Em **Bs - Em**
SHE RETURNED TO HER WORK AND HER WEAVIN'
Bs **Bs - Em Em Em Em**
AND THEY TRIED TO FORGET ABOUT CHEROKEE BEND.

Em **Em**
NOW THE BOY WASN'T BIG BUT HE HUNTED WHAT HE COULD
G **G**
AND THEY LIVED FOR A TIME THAT WAY.

Em **Bs - Em**
BUT THE FOOD RAN LOW AND THE MEAT WENT BAD
Bs **Em**

AND SHE SAID TO THE BOY ONE DAY,
Em **Em**
"I'M LEAVIN' TONIGHT AND I NEVER WILL RETURN
G **G**
FROM THE LAND OF MY SPIRIT KIN.

Em **Bs - Em**
YOU MUST TAKE WHAT YOU NEED AND TRADE WHAT YOU CAN
Bs **Bs - Em Em**
FOR A RED MAN'S GRAVE DOWN IN CHEROKEE BEND."

Am **Am**
IT WASN'T VERY LONG TILL SHE CLOSED HER EYES,
B7 **B7**
AND HE WRAPPED HER IN A ROBE.

Am **Am**
HE FOUND HER A PLACE ON THE SIDE OF A HILL
B7 **B7**
AND HE BURIED HER IN THE SNOW.

Em **Em**
EARLY IN THE SPRING HE WAS SEEN COMING DOWN
G **G**
WITH HIS LOAD LOOKIN' RAGGED AND THIN,
Em **Bs - Em**
NOT A YEAR'D GONE BY WHEN HE STOOD ONCE AGAIN
Bs **Bs - Em Em Em Em**
IN THE GOVERNMENT STORE DOWN IN CHEROKEE BEND.
Em **Em**
HE WAS TEN YEARS TALL AND A RED SKIN TOO,

G **G**
SO HE HADN'T MUCH FACE TO SAVE.
Em **Bs -** **Em**
AND THE MEN SAT AROUND AND THEY LAUGHED AND THEY CLOWNED
Bs **Em**
AT THE TALK OF A CRIMINAL'S GRAVE.
Em **Em**
THEN A MAN FROM THE EAST DIDN'T SMILE WHEN HE SAID,
G **G**
"YOU'RE THE SON OF THAT INDIAN SCUM.

Em **Bs -** **Em**
IF YOU VALUE YOUR HIDE THEN YOU'D BETTER ABIDE
Bs **Bs -** **Em**
BY THE WHITE MAN'S RULES HERE IN CHEROKEE BEND.

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Em **Em**
THEN HE SPIT ON THE FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT STORE,
G **G**
AND IT SERVED HIM TO NO GOOD END;
Em **Bs -** **Em**
AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY THEY HAD TAKEN HIM AWAY
Bs **Bs -** **Em** **Em** **Em** **Em**
TO THE WHITE MAN'S SCHOOL DOWN AT CHEROKEE BEND.

Em **Em**
BIN TWENTY-ONE YEARS SINCE THE BOY DISAPPEARED;
G **G**
WHERE HE RUN TO NOBODY KNOWS.

Em **Bs -** **Em**
BUT THEY SAY HE FELL IN WITH A MAN NAMED JIM,
Bs **Em**
AND HE RIDES IN THE RODEO.

Em **Em**
THEY SAY HE RETURNS ALL ALONE TO A PLACE
G **G**
HIDDEN DEEP IN A KENTUCKY GLEN

Em **Bs -** **Em**
AND IT'S PRETTY WELL KNOWN WHO HAULED UP THE STONE
Bs **Bs -** **Em** **Em**
TO THE GRAVE ON THE HILL ABOVE CHEROKEE BEND.

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