

JESSE JAMES

(arr. by Bruce Springsteen from the album
"We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions")

CAPO III (to play with record) **Intro: D**

D **G** **D**
JESSE JAMES WAS A LAD THAT KILLED MANY A MAN

A7

HE ROBBED THE GLENDALE TRAIN

D **G** **D**
HE STOLE FROM THE RICH AND HE GAVE TO THE POOR

A7

D

HE HAD A HAND AND A HEART AND A BRAIN

D **G** **D**
WELL IT WAS ROBERT FORD, THAT DIRTY LITTLE COWARD

A7

I WONDER NOW HOW HE FEELS

D

G

D

FOR HE ATE AT JESSE'S BREAD AND HE SLEPT IN JESSE'S BED

A7

D

AND HE LAID POOR JESSE IN HIS GRAVE

Chorus:

G

D

WELL JESSE HAD A WIFE TO MOURN FOR HIS LIFE

A7

THREE CHILDREN NOW THEY WERE BRAVE

D

G

D

WELL THAT DIRTY LITTLE COWARD THAT SHOT MR. HOWARD

A7

D

HE LAID POOR JESSE IN HIS GRAVE

Instrumental: D G D A7 D G D A7 D

WELL NOW JESSE WAS A MAN, A FRIEND TO THE POOR

HE'D NEVER ROB A MOTHER OR A CHILD

THERE NEVER WAS A MAN WITH THE LAW IN HIS HAND

THAT COULD TAKE JESSE JAMES WHEN ALIVE

IT WAS ON A SATURDAY NIGHT AND THE MOON WAS SHININ' BRIGHT
THEY ROBBED THE GLENDALE TRAIN
AND THE PEOPLE THEY DID SAY OE'ER MANY MILES AWAY
WAS THOSE OUTLAWS, FRANK AND JESSE JAMES

Repeat Chorus,

Instrumental: D G D A7 D G D A7 D

NOW THE PEOPLE HELD THEIR BREATH WHEN THEY HEARD OF JESSE'S DEATH
THEY WONDERED HOW HE'D EVER COME TO FALL
ROBERT FORD, IT WAS A FACT, HE SHOT JESSE IN THE BACK
WHILE JESSE HUNG A PICTURE ON THE WALL

NOW JESSE WENT TO REST WITH HIS HAND ON HIS BREAST
AND THE DEVIL UPON HIS KNEE
HE WAS BORN ONE DAY HEY IN THE COUNTY CLAY
AND HE CAME FROM A SOLITARY RACE

Repeat Chorus

Instrumental: D G D A7 D G D A7 D and fade