

**DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD**

John Prine

**Intro: G, C, G, C, G, C, G**

**G** **C**  
HER FATHER WAS A FAILURE; HER MOTHER WAS A COMFORT  
**G**  
TO A DOCTOR AND LAWYER AND INDIAN CHIEF.  
**G** **C**  
THE SHIRT RAN OUT OF BUTTONS; HE LOST ALL HIS MARBLES AT A BASEBALL GAME  
**G**  
AND THEY WENT ON RELIEF.

**C** **G**  
THE BANK TOOK AWAY THEIR DIPLOMAS  
**C** **G**  
THEY LOCKED THEM UP INSIDE OF THE CHEST  
**C** **G**  
AND SHE MOVED AWAY TO OKLAHOMA  
**A** **D**  
AND GOT A TATOO ON THE SIDE OF HER BREAST

**G**  
"GOD-DAMN, MY THOUGHTS ARE STILL HARD"  
**C** **G**  
FROM LYING ON THE SOFA ON THE NIGHT SHE WAS OVER IN MY BACK YARD  
**C**  
YEAH, WE WAS SHOOTING THE BREEZE OUT AMONGST THE TREES  
**G**  
WHEN A SHOT RANG LOW

**D** **G**  
AND LEFT HER STANDING DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD  
**D** **G**  
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**G** **C**  
FATHER HAVE MERCY, WHOO WHOO GET HER A NURSE PLEASE  
**G** **C** **G**  
SHE'S ALMOST ALONE; I SAW HER HAND REACHING OUT FOR THE TELEPHONE  
**C** **G**  
WE RATHER SEE HER LOCKED UP INSIDE A HOME  
**D** **G**  
THAN SEE HER STANDING DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD  
**D** **G**  
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**C** **G**  
HEADLIGHTS FLASHING ON HER SKIRT IN THE WIND.  
**C** **G**  
YONDER COMES A TRUCK IT DROVE BY TWO MEN.  
**C** **G** **D** **G**  
SHOTGUN MAN LEANED OUT AND SAID DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A RIDE?  
**A** **D**  
OUT IN THE PALE MOONLIGHT LIGHT. LIGHT LIGHT LIE LIE LIE LIE

**G** **C** **G**

TOO LONG IN THE HOT SUN SHE COULD'VE BEEN MISS WISCONSIN A LONG TIME AGO

**C** **G**  
SPENT TO MUCH TIME INSIDE OF THE EARLY SHOW  
**C** **G**  
WE'D BOUGHT HER A TICKET BUT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GO

**D** **G**  
SHE WAS STANDING DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD  
**D** **G**  
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