Don’t Tell Mama -- Gary Allan

Capo 3rd fret -- Drop D Tuning (optional)

Intro - D

D G
I was headed north on Highway Five - on a star-lit - Sunday night
A7 D
When a pick-up truck flew by me - out of control
G
As I watched in my headlights - he swerved left - then back right
A7 D
He never hit the brakes - as he left the road

D7 G
I found him lying in the grass - among the steel and glass
A7 D
With an empty whiskey bottle - by his side
D7 G
And through the blood and tears - he whispered - in my ear
A7 D
A few last words - just before he died

D7 G
Don't tell Mama - I was drinkin'
D A7
Lord knows - her soul would never rest
D D7 G
I can't leave this world - with Mama thinkin'
A7 D
I met the Lord - with whiskey on my breath

Break - A7-D

D D7 G
I still think about that night - and how that young man died
A7 D
And how others - sometimes pay - for our mistakes
D7 G
The last thing on his mind - as he left this world behind
A7 D
Was knowing - someone else's - heart would break

D7 G
Don't tell Mama - I was drinkin'
D A7
Lord knows - her soul would never rest
D D7 G
I can't leave this world - with Mama thinkin'
A7 D
I met the Lord - with whiskey on my breath
D7 G
Don't tell Mama I was drinkin'