

I'm The Man That Built The Bridges

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Capo 4th fret

Intro - C-G-C

C F C
I cleared the rocks and timber from the wild New England shore
G

I labored long and hard to make it grow
C F C
I built the first log cabins and I raised a family
G C C7
Told King George and all his Redcoats where to go

F C
I'm the man that built the bridges I'm the man that laid the track
G C C7
I'm the man that built this country with my shoulders and my back
F C
I'm the man that built the power dams and oiled all the cars
G C
And I laid down the cornerstone for this great land of ours

C F C
I'm the boy that drove the wagons when the people headed west
G
Dug canals and pulled the barges on their way
C F C
I built and ran the factories cut the timber for your homes
G C C7
Drove the oxen when I cut and baled the hay

Ch

C F C
I built the old sod shanties and I raised the prairie towns

G
I made the railroad run from sea to sea

C F C
I raised and drove the cattle to feed a growing land
G C C7
And the mining towns are there because of me

F C
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G C C7
I'm the man that built this country with my shoulders and my back

F C
I'm the man that built the power dams and oiled all the cars
G C
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C F C
I stoked the mighty furnaces and rolled the flamin' steel
G

I operated oil rigs and wells
C F C
And when the country needed them, I built the planes and tanks
G C C7
To send the tyrants down to fry in Hell

Ch

C F C
Well, my face may not be pretty and my clothes are not the best
G
And there ain't no bigshots in my family tree

C F C
But if you're wonderin' who it was that made this country great
G C C7
You don't have to look no further, it was me

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