

St James Infirmary

Tab Chords And Lyrics

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Intro – Am-E7-Am-F-C-E7-Am-E7-Am-F-E7-Am

Am E7 Am F C E7
It was down at old Joe's bar room - At the corner - by the square
Am E7 Am Am/G F E7 Am
The drinks were served as usual ----- And the usual crowd was there
E7 Am F C E7
On my left stood big Joe MacKennedy - His eyes were bloodshot red
Am E7 Am Am/G
And as he looked at the gang around him
F E7 Am
These were the very words he said

E7 Am F C E7
I went down to St. James Infirmary - I saw my baby there
Am E7 Am F E Am
Stretched out on a long, white table - So young, so cold, so fair

E7 Am F C E7
Seventeen coal-black horses - Hitched to a rubber-tied hack
Am E7 Am Am/G F E7 Am
Seven girls goin' to the graveyard ----- Only six of them are coming back
E7 Am F C E7
Let her go. Let her go, God bless her - Wherever she may be
Am E7 Am Am/G F E Am
She may search this wide world over --- And never find another man like me

Break – Am-E7-Am-F-C-E7-Am-E7-Am-F-E7-Am

Am E7 Am F C E7
When I die -----just bury me - In my high-top Stetson hat
Am E7 A7 Am/G
Place a twenty-dollar gold piece on my watch chain
F E7 Am
To let the Lord know I died standing pat
E7 Am F C E7
I want six crap-shooters for my pallbearers - A chorus girl to sing me a song
Am E7 Am F E7 Am
Place a jazz band on my hearse wagon - To raise hell as we roll along

Am E7 Am F C E7
Now that you've heard my story - I'll take another shot of booze
 Am E7 Am Am/G F E7 Am
And if anyone here should ask you ----- I've got the gambler's blues