

Don Quixote

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C F// C// C G// C//

Through the woodland through the valley comes a horseman wild and free
Tilting at the windmills passing who can the brave young horseman be
He is wild but he is mellow, he is strong but he is weak

C F// C// C G// C// C C

He is cruel but he is gentle, he is wise but he is meek

G G F F C C

Reaching for his saddlebags he takes a battered book into his hand
Standing like prophet of old he shouts across the ocean to the shore 'til he can shout no

G G7

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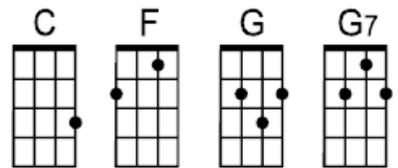
I have come o'er moor and mountain like a hawk upon the wing
I was once a shining knight who was the guardian of a king
I have searched the whole world over, looking for a place to sleep
I have seen the strong survive and I have seen the lean grow weak

<1 line of instrumental>

See the children of the earth who wake to find the table bare

C F// C// C G// C// C C

See the gentry in the country riding off to take the air



G G F F C

Reaching for his saddlebags he takes a rusty sword into his hand
Then striking up a knightly pose he shouts across the ocean to the shore

G G7

Till he can shout no more

C F// C// C G// C//

See the jailer with his key who locks away all trace of sin
See the judge upon the bench who tries the case as best he can
See the wise and wicked ones who feed upon life's sacred fire
See the soldier with his gun who must be dead to be admired

<1 line of instrumental>

See the man who tips the needle, see the man who buys and sells
See the one who puts the collar on the ones who dare not tell
See the drunkard in the tavern stemming gold to make ends meet

C F// C// C G// C// C C

See the youth in ghetto black condemned to life upon the street

G G F F C C

Reaching for his saddlebags he takes a tarnished cross into his hand
Then standing like a preacher now he shouts across the ocean to the shore
Then in a blaze of tangled hooves he gallops off across the dusty plain

G G F F F F↓

In vain to search again, where no one will hear (pause) **<Repeat Verse 1>**