

John Prine Grandpa Was a Carpenter

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Recorded Key of B - Capo on 4

Oh, Grandpa wore his suit to dinner nearly every day  
No particular reason, he just dressed that way  
Brown necktie with a matching vest and both his wingtip shoes  
He built a closet on our back porch and put a penny in a  
burned-out fuse

Chorus:

Grandpa was a carpenter, he built houses, stores and banks  
Chain-smoked Camel cigarettes and hammered nails in planks  
He was level on the level, he shaved even every door  
And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause Lincoln won the war

Instrumental

C D G

Well, he used to sing me "Blood on the Saddle" and rock me on his  
knee

And let me listen to the radio before we got TV

Well, he'd drive to church on Sunday and he'd take me with him  
too

Stained glass in every window, hearing aids in every pew

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He was <sup>G</sup>level on the level, he <sup>C</sup>shaved even every door  
And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause <sup>D</sup>Lincoln won the <sup>G</sup>war.

<sup>G</sup>Well, my Grandma was a teacher, she went to school in Bowling  
<sup>C</sup>Green

Traded in a <sup>G</sup>milking cow for a Singer sewing <sup>D</sup>machine  
Well, she called her husband "Mister," and she walked real tall in  
<sup>C</sup>pride

She used to buy me <sup>G</sup>comic books after Grandpa <sup>D</sup>died <sup>G</sup>

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