

John Prine Grandpa Was a Carpenter

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Recorded Key of B - Capo on 4

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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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And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause ^DLincoln won the ^Gwar.

^GWell, my Grandma was a teacher, she went to school in Bowling
^CGreen

Traded in a ^Gmilking cow for a Singer sewing ^Dmachine
Well, she called her husband "Mister," and she walked real tall in
^Cpride

She used to buy me ^Gcomic books ^Dafter Grandpa ^Gdied

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