**INSIDE OF ME**

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**VERSE 1**

F C F C

When I was just a boy my folks went west.

F C D G E7 F C F C

Searching for that homestead until we found the plot we thought was best.

F C G F C

We struggled hard to make the land provide.

F C D G E7 F C F

For ten long years I plowed the fields and worked the ground right by my daddy’s side.

**CHORUS 1**

D A C G

Then along came a pack of renegades, looking for some fun.

D A C D

They raped my ma and shot my pa, so I began to run.

F C G E F C

They caught me and they beat me, until I couldn’t see;

D G E7 F C F C

And I couldn’t bear the loss inside of me.

**VERSE 2**

I came to with my head spinning round.

I looked across the land we’d built, said a prayer, and burned it to the ground.

A ruthless gang of outlaws took me in.

They taught me how to rustle, lie, hold-up banks, they taught me how to sin.

**CHORUS 2**

One day we robbed a city bank, my friends got killed that day;

I grabbed the cash and ran outside to make my getaway.

I slipped into a chapel and I got down on my knees,

Hoping for some good inside of me.

**VERSE 3**

The preacher found me praying to the Lord.

He volunteered to hide my hide, told me I’d be safe; he gave his word.

The preacher’s lovely daughter brought me food.

I’d never seen a girl so pure, and she had never seen a man so crude.

I told her father love had changed my life.

I promised I’d return the stolen loot if she’d consent to be my wife.

**CHORUS 3**

I took the stolen money to the sheriff without fail;

Instead of being grateful, he just threw me into jail.

I looked outside and saw a noose was hanging from a tree;

And I thought about the love inside of me.

**VERSE 4**

Late that night my girl brought me a gun;

She told me that the only chance I had to stay alive was to run.

I made the sheriff come unlock the door.

I knocked him out, gagged his mouth, tied his hands, and left him on the floor.

**CHORUS 4**

I grabbed my hat and gun belt and ran out into the street,

And there a horse was waiting beside my girl, so sweet.

I kissed her hard and rode away as she waved back at me;

And I dreamed about the love that set me free.

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