

Grandpa Was A Carpenter

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[Verse 1]

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

[Chorus]

C **G**
Grandpa was a carpenter, he built houses, stores and banks
C **G** **D**
Chain-smoked Camel cigarettes and hammered nails in planks
G **C**
He would level on the level, he shaved even every door
G **D** **G**
And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause Lincoln won the war
G **C**
Well, he used to sing me "Blood on the Saddle" and rock me on his knee
G **D**
And let me listen to the radio before we got TV
G **C**
Well, he'd drive to church on Sunday and he'd take me with him too
G **D** **G**
Stained glass in every window, hearing aids in every pew

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[Verse 3]

G
Now my Grandma was a teacher, she went to school in Bowling Green **C**
G **D**
Traded in a milking cow for a Singer sewing machine
G **C**
Well, she called her husband "Mister," and she walked real tall in pride
G **D** **G**
She used to buy me comic books after grandpa died

[Chorus]

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