

The Ballad of Billy the Kid - Billy Joel

G C G C G Am G Am G

[Harmonica Solo]

G Em F
G Em F C D
G Em F C C/B
Am7 D7

F/G C/G C/G F/G G x2

[Verse]

G Em F Fsus4 G Em F - C - D
From a town known as Wheeling, West Virginia, rode a boy with a six-gun in his hand
G Em F C G Am7 D7sus
And his daring life of crime, made him a legend in his time, East and west of the Rio Grande

F/G - C/G C/G - F/G - G x2

[Verse]

G Em F G Em F - C - D
Well, he started with a bank in Colorado, in the pocket of his vest, a Colt he hid
G Em F C G Am7 D7sus F/G - C/G C/G - F/G - G
And his age and his size, took the teller by surprise, and the word spread of Billy the Kid

[Bridge]

C D Em Bm C C/D G7sus
Well, he never traveled heavy, yes, he always rode alone. And he soon put many older guns to shame
C D Em Bm C Dsus4 D
And he never had a sweetheart, and he never had a home. But the cowboy and the rancher knew his name

[Verse]

G Em F G Em F - C - D
Well, he robbed his way from Utah to Oklahoma, and the law just could not seem to track him down
G Em F C G Am7 D7sus
And it served his legend well, for the folks, they loved to tell. 'Bout when Billy the Kid came to town

F/G - C/G C/G - F/G - G x2

[Piano Interlude] Repeat twice

C F C Am G F G
C F C Am G F G C

C Bb -> C Bb -> C Bb -> C Bb -> F G C

F/G - C/G C/G - F/G - G x2

[Verse]

G Em F Fsus4 G Em F - C - D
Well, one cold day a posse captured Billy, and the judge said, "String 'im up for what he did!"
G Em F C G Am7 D7sus F/G - C/G C/G - F/G - G
And the cowboys and their kin, like the sea came pourin' in, to watch the hangin', of Billy the Kid

[Bridge]

C D Em Bm C C/D G7sus
Well, he never traveled heavy, yes, he always rode alone. And he soon put many older guns to shame
C D Em Bm C Dsus4 D
And he never had a sweetheart, but he finally found a home. Underneath the boothill grave that bears his name

[Verse]

G Em F Fsus4 F G Em F - C - D
From a town known as Oyster Bay, Long Island, rode a boy with a six-pack in his hand
G Em F C G Am7 D7sus
And his daring life of crime, made him a legend in his time. East and west of the Rio Grande

F/G - C/G C/G - F/G - G x2

[Piano Interlude]

C F C Am G F G
C F C Am G F G C
C F C Am G F G
C F C Am G F G C

C Bb -> C Bb -> C Bb -> C Bb ->

F G C