

The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia - Vicki Lawrence // 1972 // key: Am

[All chords are two beats!]

Intro: | Am | Am | Am | Am |
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1. He was on his way home from Candletop, been two weeks gone and he thought he'd stop,
At Webb's and have him a drink before he went home to her.
Andy Wolloe said, "Hello", and he said, "Hi, what's doing, Wo?"
Said, "Sit down, I got some bad news, it's gonna hurt."

2. He said, "I'm your best friend and you know that's right, but your young bride ain't home tonight
Since you been gone she's been seein' that Amos boy, Seth."
Well, he got mad and he saw red, and Andy said, "Boy, don't you lose your head
Cause to tell you the truth, I've been with her myself."

Chorus: F#m B E C#m
That's the night that the lights went out in Georgia
F#m B E C#m
That's the night that they hung an innocent man
F#m B E C#m
Well, don't trust your soul to no backwoods southern lawyer
F#m B Em Em
'Cause the judge in the town's got bloodstains on his hands

3. Well, Andy got scared and left the bar, walking on home 'cause he didn't live far.
See, Andy didn't have many friends and he just lost him one.
Brother thought his wife musta left town, so he went home and finally found
The only thing Papa had left him, and that was a gun

4. Then he went off to Andy's house, slippin' through the backwoods quiet as a mouse.
Came upon some tracks too small for Andy to make.
He looked through the screen at the back porch door, and he saw Andy lyin' on the floor
In a puddle of blood and he started to shake.

F#m **B** **E** **C#m**
Chorus: Well, the Georgia Patrol was making their rounds, so he fired a shot just to flag them down
F#m **B** **Em** **Em**
And a big bellied sheriff grabbed his gun and said, "Why'd you do it?"

Am **G** **Am** **D**
5. Well the judge said guilty in a make-believe trial, slapped the sheriff on the back with a smile
Am **Em** **Am** **Am**
Said, "Supper's waitin' at home and I gotta get to it."

F#m **B** **E** **C#m**
Chorus: That's the night that the lights went out in Georgia
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That's the night that they hung an innocent man
F#m **B** **E** **C#m**
Well, don't trust your soul to no backwoods southern lawyer
F#m **B** **Em** **Em**
'Cause the judge in the town's got bloodstains on his hands

Am **G** **Am** **D**
6. Well, they hung my brother before I could say, "The tracks he saw while on his way
Am **Em** **Am** **Am**
To Andy's house and back that night were mine.
Am **G** **Am** **D**
And his cheating wife had never left town and that's one body that'll never be found
Am **Em** **Am** **Am**
See, little sister don't miss when she aims her gun.

F#m **B** **E** **C#m**
Chorus: That's the night that the lights went out in Georgia (whoa-oh)
F#m **B** **E** **C#m**
That's the night that they hung an innocent man (uh-huh-huh)
F#m **B** **E** **C#m**
Well, don't trust your soul to no backwoods Southern lawyer
F#m **B** **Em***
Cause the judge in the town's got blood stains on his hands