

# PRETTY PAPER

Written by Willie Nelson in 1963  
Recorded by Willie Nelson & Roy Orbison

**Start Note:** D      **Time:** ¾      **Key:** G      **Strum:** D \_ du du

**Intro:** G D7 G G↓ (COUNT 1)

## CHORUS:

*N/C G D7 D7*  
*Pretty paper, pretty ribbons of blue*

*G G*  
*Wrap your presents to your darling from you*

*G7 C C*  
*Pretty pencils to write I love you*

*G D7 G G*  
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*D7 G G*  
1. Crowded streets, busy feet hustle by him

*D7 G G*  
Downtown shoppers Christmas is nigh

*G G7 C*  
There he sits all alone on the sidewalk

*A7 D7 D7*  
Hoping that-you-won't pass him by

*G D7 G G*  
2. Should you stop, better not, much too busy

*D7 G G*  
You're in a hurry, my how time does fly

*G7 C C*  
In the distance. . . the ringing of laughter

*G D7 G G↓*  
And in the midst. . . of the laughter he cries

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*D7 C G arpeggio*  
**Outro:** *Pretty paper . . . pretty ribbons of b-l-u-e*