

GOTTA TRAVEL ON

American Folk Song first written by Carl Sandburg 1927, first recorded by The Weavers and Pete Seeger 1958

Key: G **Start note:** D **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** D_ du D_ du

Intro: G/// G//

CHORUS:

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I've laid around and played around, this old town too long
G7 C G
Summer's almost gone, yes, winter's comin' on.

I've laid around and played around, this old town too long,
C D G G
And I feel like I gotta travel on.

G
 1. Poppa writes to Johnny, but Johnny can't come home
G7 C G
 Johnny can't come home. No, Johnny can't come home

Poppa writes to Johnny, but Johnny can't come home
C D G G
 Cause he's been on the chain gang to long.

CHORUS:

G
I've laid around and played around this old town too long
G7 C G
Summer's almost gone, Yes, winter's comin' on

I've laid around and played around, this old town too long,
C D G G
And I feel like I gotta travel on.

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 2. High sheriff and police, riding after me
G7 C G
 Riding after me, yes, coming after me

High sheriff and police coming after me
C D G G
 And I feel like I gotta travel on.

CHORUS:

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G7 C G

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C D G G

And I feel like I gotta travel on.

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3. *Want to see my honey, want to see her bad*

G7 C G

Want to see her bad, Oh, want to see her bad

Want to see my honey, want to see her bad

C D G G

She's the best girl, this poor boy ever had.

CHORUS:

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C D G

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C D G(arp)

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