

GOTTA TRAVEL ON

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

Intro: G /// G //

CHORUS:

/ G

I've laid around and played around, this old town too long

Summer's almost gone, Yes, winter's comin' on

I've laid around and played around,

this old town too long,

And I feel like I gotta travel on.

G
1. Poppa writes to Johnny

But Johnny can't come home

Johnny can't come home. No, Johnny can't come home

Poppa writes to Johnny

But Johnny can't come home

Cause he's been on the chain gang to long.

CHORUS:

/ G

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And I feel like I gotta travel on.

G
 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:

/ 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.

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

CHORUS:

/ G
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 G7 ↓ C G
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I've laid around and played around,

this old town too long,
 C D G
And I feel like I gotta travel on.
 C D G G(arp)
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