

# BUSTED

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**Key:** G    **Start Note:** D    **Time:** 6/8    **Strum:** D \_ \_ D \_ u

**Intro:** D / / / / / D7 / / / / / G / / / / / G / / / / /

1. / G G D D7  
1. My bills are all due and the baby needs shoes, and I'm busted.  
D D G G  
Cotton is down to a quarter a pound, but I'm busted.  
G G7  
Got a cow that went dry and a hen that won't lay,  
C C  
A big stack of bills that gets bigger each day...  
D D7 G G  
The county's gonna haul my belongings away, cause I'm busted.

2. G G D D7  
2. I went to my brother to ask for a loan, cause I was busted.  
D D G G  
I hate to beg, like a dog for his bone, but I'm busted.  
G G7  
My brother said, 'There ain't a thing I can do,  
C C  
My wife and my kids are all down with the flu,  
D D7 G G  
And I was just thinking about calling on you, cause I'm busted.

3. G G D D7  
3. Well, I am no thief, but a man can go wrong, when he's busted.  
D D G G  
The food that we canned last summer is gone, and I'm busted.  
G G7  
The fields are all bare and the cotton won't grow,  
C C  
Me and my family got to pack up and go,  
D D7 G G↓  
But I'll make a living, just where I don't know, cause I'm busted.

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D D7  
C-----0-----  
G-22-4-42-

**End of second and last line tabs:**

G G  
C-----02 0-----  
G-44-----4-----