

# EIGHTEEN INCHES OF RAIN

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**Key:** C    **Start note:** C    **Time:** 4/4    **Strum:** D\_ du D\_ du (cowboy)

**Intro:** C / Am / Dm / G / C C

*Clear blue skies... eighteen inches of rain.*

- / C F Dm  
1. A'not a broke horse on the place, my pickup truck won't go,  
C Dm G  
...The tractor lost a wheel... about a week ago.  
C F Dm  
The wind is from the east.. blowing hard across the plains.,  
C / Am / Dm / G / C C  
I'm high and lonesome... waiting for a change.

## **CHORUS:**

/ / / F

***Just give me one broke horse with a good fittin' saddle,***

C

***...That's easy on your back,***

F

***One good woman who makes up the difference,***

C

***...For everything I lack,***

Am

G

C

F

***One last chance to sell my calves, before the prices go to hell again,***

C / Am / Dm / G / C C

***Clear blue skies... eighteen inches of rain.***

- C F Dm  
2. ...The coffee's kinda bitter, is it the water or the pot?  
C Dm G  
...Until I get to town, I'll make do with what I got,  
C F Dm  
The Copenhagen's runnin' low... I should quit it anyways,  
C / Am / Dm / G / C C  
Me and this old outfit, have both seen better days.

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**C**

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**Am G C F**

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**OUTRO:**

**/ / / C Am**

*Just give me clear blue skies,*

**Dm / G / C C**

*Eighteen inches of rain.*

**/ / / C Am**

*Just give me clear blue skies,*

**Dm / G / C C↓ C↓**

*Eighteen inches of rain.*