TIE A YELLOW RIBBON ROUND THE OLE OAK TREE

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Key: G   **Start note:** G   **Time:** 4/4   **STRUM:** D_du D_du

Intro: G / / /   Bm / / /   Am / / /   D / / /

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       G                              Bm        Bm
1. …I'm comin' home, I've done my time,
            Dm              E7          Am   Am
   Now I've got to know what is and isn't mine
     Am           Cm         G           Em
   If you received my letter tellin' you I'd soon be free
   A              A7            Cm           D
   Then you'll know just what to do if you still want me
   Cm↓   Cm↓   Cm↓   D   D7
     If you still    want   me
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           CHORUS:
           G                         Bm
           Tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree
                 Dm                      E7        Am
           It's been three long years, do you still want me?
             Am         Cm            G    B7  E7
           If I don't see a ribbon 'round the old oak tree
               G                  B7
           I'll stay on the bus, for-get about us
           G                E7
           Put the blame on me.
             Am         Cm          A7          D7       G    G
           If I don't see a yellow ribbon round… the ole oak tree
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   G / / / Am / / / D↓↓ (3, 4)
   G                              Bm    Bm
2. …Bus driver please look for me
            Dm           E7            Am   Am
   'Cause I couldn't bear to see what I might see
        Am     Cm         G           Em
   I'm really still in prison and my love she holds the key
     A           A7          Cm           D
   A simple yellow ribbon's what I need to set me free
    Cm↓      Cm↓Cm↓ D        D7
   I wrote and told  her   please:
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CHORUS:

G   *Bm*
Tie a yellow ribbon round the ole oak tree
             Dm   *E7*   *Am*
It's been three long years, do you still want me?
   Am   *Cm*   *G*   *B7* *E7*
If I don't see a ribbon 'round the old oak tree
     G   *B7*
I'll stay on the bus, for-get about us
G   *E7*
Put the blame on me.
   Am   *Cm*   *A7*   *D7*   *G*   *G*
If I don't see a yellow ribbon round the ole oak tree.

Instrumental: G   Bm   Bm
      …Bus driver please look for me
           Dm   E7   Am   Dm↓↓
      'Cause I couldn't bear to see what I might see
    G   G   Bm   Bm
   Bus driver please look for me
           Dm   E7   Am   Am↓
      'Cause I couldn't bear to see what I might see

          Am↓   Cm↓
(SLOW) Now the whole damn bus is cheerin'
    G↓   E7↓
And I can't believe I see….A…
          Am   Cm   A7   D7 G   G
(Speed up a bit) Hundred yellow ribbons 'round the old oak tree
G   Bm   Bm
…I'm comin' home mmm mmm

Dm / / /   E7 / / /   Am / / /   D↓↓   G↓