

Grandpa Was A Carpenter

(Written and recorded by John Prine, 1973.)

(C)(G)(D)(G)

(G) Grandpa wore his suit to dinner nearly every **(C)** day
No particular **(G)** reason he just dressed that **(D)** way
(G) Brown necktie and a matching vest and both his wingtip **(C)** shoes
He built a closet on **(G)** our back porch
and put a **(D)** penny in a burned out **(G)** fuse.

(C) Grandpa was a carpenter he built houses stores and **(G)** banks
(C) Chain smoked Camel **(G)** cigarettes and hammered nails in **(D)** planks
He was **(G)** level on the level and shaved even every **(C)** door
And voted for Eisen**(G)**hower 'cause **(D)** Lincoln won the **(G)** war.

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(G) Well, he used to sing me “Blood on the Saddle” and rock me on his **(C)** knee
And let me listen to **(G)** radio before we got T**(D)**V
Well, he'd **(G)** drive to church on Sunday and take me with him **(C)** too
Stained glass in every **(G)** window, hearing **(D)** aids in every **(G)** pew.

(chorus)

(C)(G)(D)(G)(C)(G)(D)(G)

(G) Now my grandma was a teacher went to school in Bowling **(C)** Green
Traded in a **(G)** milking cow for a Singer sewing ma**(D)**chine
She **(G)** called her husband “Mister” and walked real tall and **(C)** pride
And used to buy me **(G)** comic books **(D)** after grandpa **(G)** died.

(chorus)

(G)(C)(G)(D)(G)(C)(G)(D)(G)

(chorus)

And **(C)** voted for Eisen**(G)**hower 'cause **(D)** Lincoln won the **(G)** war.

