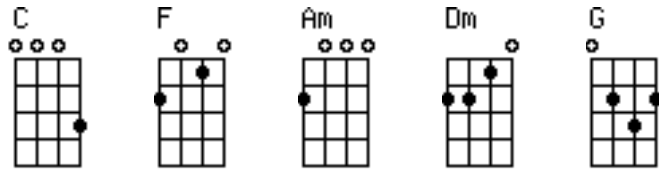


# I Hung My Head

Johnny Cash



**C F**

**C F**  
Early one morning with time to kill

**Am F**  
I borrowed Jeb's rifle and sat on the hill

**C F**  
I saw a lone rider crossing the plain

**Am F**  
I drew a bead on him to practice my aim

**Dm G**  
My brother's rifle went off in my hand

**G C**  
A shot rang out across the land

**F Am**  
The horse he kept running the rider was dead

**C F**  
I hung my head, I hung my head

**C F**

**C F**  
I set off running to wake from the dream

**Am F**  
My brother's rifle went into the stream

**C F**  
I kept on running into the salt lands

**Am F**  
And that's where they found me, my head in my hands

**Dm G**  
The sheriff he asked me why had I run

**C**  
Then it came to me just what I had done

**F Am**  
And all for no reason, just one piece of lead

**C F**  
I hung my head, I hung my head

**C F**

**C** **F**  
Here in the courthouse the whole town was there  
**Am** **F**  
I see the judge high up in his chair  
**C** **F**  
Explain to the courtroom what went through your mind  
**Am** **F**  
And we'll ask the jury what verdict they find  
**Dm** **G**  
I said: "I felt the power of death over life  
**C**  
I orphaned his children I widowed his wife  
**F** **Am**  
I begged their forgiveness I wished I was dead  
**C** **F**  
I hung my head, I hung my head,

**C F**

**C** **F**  
Early one morning with time to kill  
**Am** **F**  
I see the gallows up on the hill  
**C** **F**  
And out in the distance a trick of the brain,  
**Am** **F**  
I see a lone rider crossing the plain  
**Dm** **G**  
He's come to fetch me, to see what they done  
**C**  
We'll ride together 'til kingdom come  
**F** **Am**  
I prey for God's mercy, for soon I'll be dead  
**C** **F**  
I hung my head, I hung my head  
**C** **F**  
I hung my head, I hung my head

**C F**  
end on C