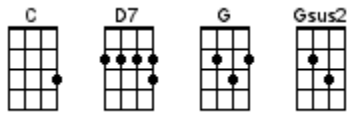


# The Ballad of Jesse James

Traditional 19<sup>th</sup> century (as recorded by Lew Dite 2009)



**INTRO:** / 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [G]

Jesse [G] James was a lad, that [C] killed many a [G] man  
He [G] robbed the Glendale [D7] train [D7]  
He [G] stole from the rich, and he [C] gave to the [G] poor  
He'd a [G] hand and a [D7] heart and a [G] brain [G]

## CHORUS:

Now poor [C] Jesse had a wife, to [G] mourn for his life  
Three [G] children they were [D7] brave [D7]  
But that [G] dirty little coward, that [C] shot Mister [G] Howard  
Has [G] laid Jesse [D7] James in his [G] grave [G]

It was [G] on a Wednesday night, the [C] moon was shining [G] bright  
They [G] robbed the Glendale [D7] train [D7]  
And [G] folks from miles about, all [C] said without a [G] doubt  
It was [G] robbed by [D7] Frank and Jesse [G] James [G]

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It was [G] on a Saturday night, when [C] Jesse was at [G] home  
[G] Talking to his family [D7] brave [D7]  
A-[G]long came Robert Ford, like a [C] thief in the [G] night  
And he [G] laid Jesse [D7] James in his [G] grave [G]

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Now the [G] people held their breath, when they [C] heard of Jesse's [G] death  
And they [G] wondered how Jesse came to [D7] die [D7]  
It was [G] one of his gang, Lord, [C] little Robert [G] Ford  
And he [G] shot Jesse [D7] James on the [G] sly [G]

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