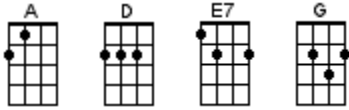


Seagull Stew

Ignatius Patrick Matthews (1950-2011) of Brent's Cove, NL



INTRO: / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 /

[D] Here is the story I'll [A] tell unto [D] you [D]

When [D] we were just kids out [G] jiggin' for [D] tom cods
[D] Seemed like there [D] was nothing [E7] left for to [A] do [A]
If [D] you've mind to gather and [G] set at my [D] table
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Our [D] father he died in a [G] town they call [D] Gander
[D] We were just kids, much [E7] too young to [A] care [A]
Our [D] mother got killed by [G] thunder and [D] lightning
[D] Sometime in August the [A] following [D] year [D]

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Our [D] sister was Madeline [G] scarcely [D] sixteen
[D] Working for the family in the [E7] Copper Cove [A] mine [A]
She [D] had to come home, look [G] after four [D] children
[D] Scarce was the money and [A] hard were the [D] times [D]

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We [D] used to get up at [G] four every [D] morning
The [D] dog and the bunker to the [E7] woods we would [A] go [A]
To [D] get us some dry wood to [G] chop up as [D] kindle
To [D] light up the fire in our [A] Waterloo [D] stove [D]

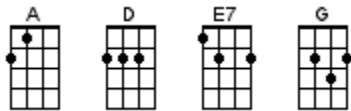
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We [D] used to go over to [G] Mister Bill [D] Martin's
A [D] gallon of kerosene [E7] set in the [A] gloom [A]
He [D] said, "Sure young Matt it's too [G] bright for the [D] rabbits
[D] Haul a great blanket on [A] over the [D] moon" [D]

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