Capo 1 [Intro] Dm Dm A7 Dm Dm [Verse] Dm A7 Dm Am Dm Seen the arrow on the doorpost Dm Am Dm **A7** Saying, "This land is condemned A7 C G All the way from New Orleans Dm Am Dm A# C To Jerusalem." Δ7 Dm Am Dm I traveled through East Texas Δ7 Dm Am Dm Where many martyrs fell A7 C G And I know no one can sing the blues C Dm Am Dm Δ# Like Blind Willie McTell [Verse] **A7** Dm Am Dm Dm Well, I heard the hoot owl singing Dm Am Dm Δ7 As they were taking down the tents C Δ7 G The stars above the barren trees A# C Dm Am Dm Were his only audience A7 Dm Am Dm Them charcoal gypsy maidens

A7 Dm Am Dm Can strut their feathers well A7 C But nobody can sing the blues C Dm Am Dm Like Blind Willie McTell [Verse] Dm A7 Dm Am Dm See them big plantations burning **A7** Dm Am Dm Hear the cracking of the whips Δ7 C G Smell that sweet magnolia blooming Δ# C Dm (And) see the ghosts of slavery ships Α7 Dm Am Dm I can hear them tribes a-moaning Δ7 Dm (I can) hear the undertaker's bell A7 C G (Yeah), nobody can sing the blues Dm Am Dm Α# C Like Blind Willie McTell [Verse] Dm A7 Dm Am Dm There's a woman by the river Dm Am Dm Α7 With some fine young handsome man Α7 C G He's dressed up like a squire A# C Dm Bootlegged whiskey in his hand

Α7 Dm Am Dm There's a chain gang on the highway Α7 Dm Am Dm I can hear them rebels yell A7 C G And I know no one can sing the blues C Dm Am Dm Δ# Like Blind Willie McTell [Verse] Dm A7 Dm Am Dm Well. God is in heaven Α7 Dm Am Dm And we all want what's his Α7 C G But power and greed and corruptible seed Δ# C Dm Seem to be all that there is Α7 Dm Am Dm I'm gazing out the window Α7 Dm Am Dm Of the St. James Hotel A7 C G And I know no one can sing the blues A# Dm Am Dm C Like Blind Willie McTell [Coda] Dm A7 Dm Am Dm Dm A7 Dm Am Dm Dm A7 C G A# C Dm Am Dm...