

FOLK BLOODBATH

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Intro: C - G - C

Travis picking throughout

First note=E

Modified to resemble original

G C
Well, Louis Collins took a trip out west

F
And when he returned, well, Delia had gone to rest

C G C
The angels laid her away

G C
Louis said to Delia, "That's the problem with life

F
People are always leaving just as other folks arrive"

C G C
The angels laid her away

G C
And when the people heard that Delia was dead

F
And all of them gentlemen were dressed in red

C G C
The angels laid her away

Chorus 1:

G C
The angels laid her away

E7 F
Buried her six feet under the clay

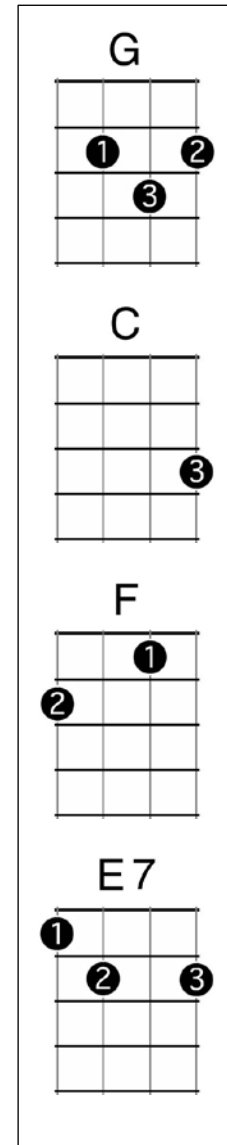
C G C
The angels laid her away.

Verse 2:

Well Louis went downtown for a new suit of clothes
"I'm gonna dress up for Delia like a fine red rose"
The angels laid him away

He bought a ten gallon Stetson, and it was ox-blood red
Stagger Lee shot Louis in the back of the head
The angels laid him away

Oh Stagger Lee said to Louis: "Boy, don't you grieve
I'm sending you to Delia you won't ever have to leave"
The angels laid him away



Chorus 2:

The angels laid him away
Buried him six feet under the clay
The angels laid him away

Interlude 1: C - G - C - F- C

Verse 3:

Well the judge was a mean one, called Hanging Billy Lyons
Said "Well you've always been a bad man, Stag, gonna hang you this time"
The angels laid him away

And the jailer said to Stagger Lee, "What's the problem with you?"
"Jailer, Louis Collins' ghost brought Delia with him too"
The angels laid him away

Chorus 3:

The angels laid him away.
Buried him six feet under the clay,
The angels laid him away.

Interlude 2: [G - C - F - C - G - C - Am - F] then, [C - G - C]

Verse 4:

Well they lay little Delia in the churchyard deep
Louis Collins at her head, stagger lee at her feet
The angels laid them away

Out of Louis's bed came briars; out of Delia's came a rose
Out of Stagger Lee's came Stagger Lee's cold lonely little ghost
The angels laid them away

Well I'm looking out on rooftops, and I'm hoping it ain't true
That the same god who looks out for them looks out for me and you
The angels laid them away

Chorus 4:

The angels laid them away
Buried them six feet under the clay
The angels laid them away