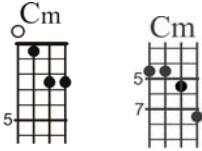


Highwayman

words and music by Jimmy Webb on his album El Mirage • in the original key of Cm
mandolin chord arrangement by John Tauxe 6 July 2023: mando.tauxe.net

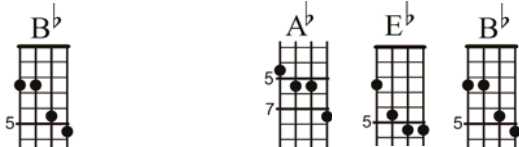
INTRO



VERSE



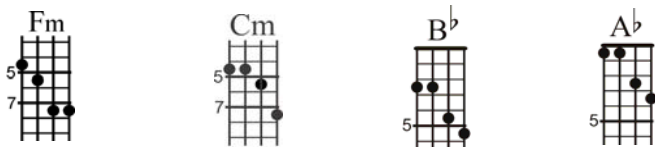
I was a highwayman. Along the coach roads I did ride,



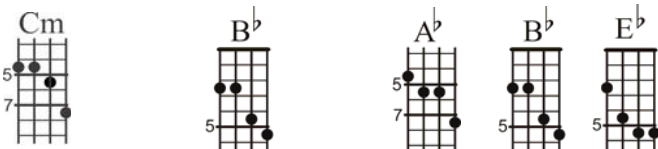
With sword and pistol by my side.



And many a young maid lost her baubles to my trade.



And many a soldier shed his lifeblood on my blade.



They finally hung me in the spring of twenty five,

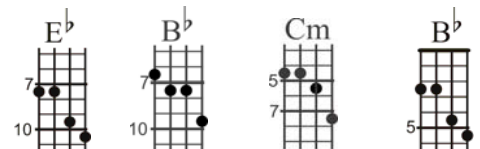


But I am still alive.

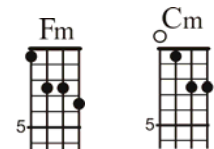
I was a sailor. I was born upon the tide,
And with the sea I did abide.
I sailed a schooner round the horn of Mexico.
I went aloft to furl the mains'l in a blow.
And when the yards broke off they say that I got killed,
But I am living still.

I was a dam builder, across the river deep and wide,
Where steel and water did collide.
A place called Boulder on the wild Colorado,
I slipped and fell into the wet concrete below.
They buried me in that gray tomb that knows no sound,
But I am still around.

BRIDGE



It all goes 'round and 'round, and 'round, and 'round,



and 'round, and 'round... Bah, luh-da-luh-da-lo...

VERSE

I'll fly a star ship across the universe divide.
And when I reach the other side,
I'll find a place to rest my spirit if I can.
Perhaps I may become a highwayman again.
Or I may simply be a single drop of rain,
But I will still remain.

OUTRO (chords as in BRIDGE)

I'll be back again.

Buh-buh-buh-buh-bahn luh-da-luh-da-lo