

BILLY RODE TO TOWN

(Capo 2 – ie in Bm)

Am G Am C G C  
Billy rode to town one summer's night --- heading for the music and the lights  
Dm Am Bb E  
he wasn't seeking trouble --- only wanted fun  
Am G Am  
he wasn't even carrying a gun

Am G Am C G C  
He walked into the Crazy Horse Saloon --- the band was playin' some old familiar tune  
Dm Am Bb E  
he joined a group of gamblers --- playing twenty-one  
Am G Am  
he really didn't know what he'd begun

C G C G C F C  
OVER THE MOUNTAIN --- JUST OUT OF SIGHT --- STORM CLOUDS ARE HEADING THIS WAY  
Dm Am Bb E  
COULD BE A HURRICANE --- BLOWING TONIGHT --- BLOWING A YOUNG LIFE AWAY  
Am G Am  
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Am G Am C G C  
Billy held a seven and a queen --- well, they say it's best to stand at seventeen  
Dm Am Bb E  
but Billy took another card --- and luck was on his side  
Am G Am  
"I'll raise you thirty dollars", he replied

Am G Am C G C  
"I'll match your thirty dollars", said the man --- "and now let's see if you can beat this hand"  
Dm Am Bb E  
and he turned a score of twenty ---- sayin', "I guess you're just outdone"  
Am G Am  
'till Billy turned a score of twenty-one

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Am G Am C G C  
"Well thank you for the game guys, it's been great --- but I think I'd better leave, it's getting late"  
Dm Am Bb E  
then the gambler thumped his glass down --- and he gave the boy a glare  
Am G Am  
"you know that you're not going anywhere"

Am G Am C G C  
"I don't give cash to country boys who cheat" --- "Hey, I'm no cheater, just 'cause you were beat"  
Dm Am Bb E  
and he reached out for the winnings --- as a pistol shot was heard  
Am G Am  
and Billy never spoke another word

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