

## DON'T LOOK BACK

### *Intro: 2 bars of G*

G D C G D  
In a cabin --- in West Virginia --- old Joe Clarke --- has lived for sixty years  
C D G C  
where once was the sound --- of children running round  
G D G  
now the rustle of the leaves is all he hears

G D C G D  
Back in the thirties --- he quit the city --- to build a life --- out of the land  
C D G C  
with a young wife at his side --- on that long and bumpy ride  
G D G  
he set out west --- to try and make a stand

G D C G D  
DON'T LOOK BACK --- OVER YOUR SHOULDER --- YOU KNOW THE PAST --- IS DEAD AND GONE  
C D G C  
IT'S BETTER TO FORGET --- THAN TO LOOK BACK WITH REGRET  
G D G  
WHILE THE WORLD --- AROUND YOU CARRIES ON

G D C G D  
It wasn't easy --- being a farmer --- with the Great Depression --- setting in  
C D G C  
then the drought came by and by --- the land was cracked and dry  
G D G  
and his wife --- she spoke of giving in

G D C G D  
She said "I've tried --- but I just can't take it --- there ain't no purpose --- anymore  
C D G C  
on the eastern coast, they say --- there's a new job every day  
G D G  
don't want to stay in this dust bowl anymore

(CHORUS)

G D C G D  
He said "I know --- these crops are dying --- but we planted more --- than crops along the way  
C D G C  
I can't leave it all behind --- and I can't make you change your mind  
G D G  
but it won't be long before you're back to stay"

G D C G D  
So he carried on --- and he kept believing --- but he never heard --- from her again  
C D G C  
and now he stares out on his own --- at a green field of corn  
G D G  
swollen by the freshly fallen rain

(CHORUS)

*(INSTRUMENTAL VERSE: FIDDLE REPEAT TO FADE)*