

# Forest Lawn

(By Tom Paxton)

**C F G7 C G7**  
Oh... lay... me... down in Forest Lawn, in a silver casket.

**F G7 C C7**  
Put golden flowers over my head in a silver basket.

**F Dm C Am**  
Let the drum and bugle corps... play taps while the cannons roar.

**D7 Dm G7**  
And sixteen liveried employees sell souvenirs from the funeral store.

**C F C**  
I want to go, simply when I go...

**E7 Am**  
They'll give me a simple funeral there, I know...

**F Dm C Am**  
With a casket lined in fleece, and fireworks spelling out "Rest In peace."

**D7 G7 C**  
Oh, take me when I'm gone to Forest Lawn.

**C G7 C G7**  
Oh, lay me down in Forest Lawn; they understand there.

**F G7 C C7**  
They have a heavenly choir and a military band there.

**F Dm C Am**  
Just put me in their care; I'll find my comfort there.

**D7 Dm G7**  
With sixteen planes and a last salute, a cross will drop from a parachute.

**C F C**  
I want to go simply when I go...

**E7 Am**  
They'll give me a simple funeral there, I know.

**F Dm C Am**  
With a hundred strolling strings, and topless dancers with golden wings.

**F G7 C**  
Oh, take me when I'm gone to Forest Lawn... *(switch to 12/8 time)*

**D7 G G C G D7**  
Oh-oh-oh, come, come, come, come... Come to the church in the wild wood.

**D7 G G7**  
Kindly leave a contribution in the pail.

**C G**  
Be as simple and as trusting as a child would;

**D7 G G7**  
And we'll sell you the church in the dale... *(switch back to 4/4 time)*

**C G7 C G7**  
To find a simple resting place is my desire;

**F G7 C C7**  
To lay me down with a smiling face costs a little bit higher.

**F Dm C Am**  
My likeness cast in brass... will stand in plastic grass,

**D7 Dm G7**  
While hidden weights and springs tip its hat to the mourners filing past.

**C F C**  
I want to go simply when I go...

**E7 Am**  
They'll give me a simple funeral there, I know.

**F Dm C Am**  
I'll lie beneath the sand, with piped-in tapes of Billy Graham.

**F G7 C**  
Oh, take me when I'm gone to Forest Lawn.

**C F C F C Am G7 C**  
Rock of ages, cleft for me... for a slightly higher fee.

**D7 G7 C F C**  
Oh, take me when I'm gone to Forest Lawn... A-men...