

# Do Not Forsake Me [The Ballad of High Noon]

(Lyrics by Ned Washington, music by Dmitri Tiomkin)

Theme song from the 1952 movie "High Noon," as sung by Tex Ritter

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**C**  
Do not forsake me, oh my darlin'

**C** **Dm**  
On this, our wed-di-ing da-ay.

**Dm** **Am**  
Do not forsake me, oh, my darlin'.

**E7** **G7**  
Wait... wait along.

**C**  
The noonday train will bring Frank Miller.

**C** **C7** **F** **A7 Dm**  
If I'm a man, I must be brave.

**Dm** **F** **G7** **C**  
And I must face that deadly killer,

**F** **C** **F** **C**  
Or lie a coward... a craven coward.

**F** **C** **G7 C** **C7**  
Or lie a coward in my grave.

**F**  
Oh, to be torn 'twixt love and duty!

**C**  
Supposin' I lose my fair-haired beauty!

**F** **C** **C7**  
Look at that big hand move along, nearing high noon.

**Dm**  
He made a vow while in state prison,

**C**  
Vowed it would be my life or his, and

**Fm** **C** **Dm** **D7** **G7**  
I'm not afraid of death, but oh, what will I do if you leave me?

**C**  
Do not forsake me, oh, my darlin'

**C** **C7** **F** **A7 Dm**  
You made that promise when we wed.

**Dm** **F** **G7** **C**  
Do not forsake me, oh, my darlin'

**F** **C** **F** **C**  
Although you're grievin', I can't be leavin'

**F** **C** **G7 C**  
Until I shoot Frank Miller dead.

**C**  
Wait along... wait along... wait along...