

Long Way Back Home

by Gordon Lightfoot (In 3/4 time: Key of E, capo at 2)

D D7 G
From the railhead to the boatyard, from the factory to the farm,
A7 D
From the mines to the millhouse, I've weathered the storm.
D D7 G
From the bar room to the bedpost, I've wasted my days.
D Em A7 D
All I have is my drink, and the time left to think, while time slips away.

Chorus:

C A7 D
Just look at my face... when you tell me goodbye.
F#m Em D
You'll see what I'm after... by the look in my eye.
Em A7 (Em) (A7) D
Just walk away... and leave me alone... it's a long way back home.

D D7 G
Now in case you should ask me... what it is that I've done,
A7 D
I'll say I'm a soldier... who once had a son.
D D7 G
But my son doesn't know me, that's his right to choose.
D Em A7 D
Oh, say can you see, my best friend is me, I'm a friend I could use.

C A7 D
Just look at my face... when you tell me goodbye.
F#m Em D
You'll see what I'm after... by the look in my eye.
Em A7 (Em) (A7) D
Just walk away... and leave me alone... it's a long way back home.

D D7 G
Now the pages have faded, and the story grows cold.
A7 D
And the plot falls to ashes... like the ruins of old.
D D7 G
Oh, the rats in my rafters, they're after my shoes,
D Em A7 D
And anything else... they can find on the shelf, I've said they could use.

C A7 D
Just look at my face... when you tell me goodbye.
F#m Em D
You'll see what I'm after... by the look in my eye.
Em A7 (Em) (A7) D
Just walk away... and leave me alone... it's a long way back home.
Em A7 D
It's a long way back home.