

# *Down in the Valley*

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C G7  
Down in the valley, the valley so low  
G7  
Hang your head over, hear the wind  
C  
blow  
C  
Hear the wind blow, love, hear the wind  
G7  
blow  
G7  
Hang your head over, hear the wind  
C  
blow

C G7  
Roses love sunshine, violets love dew  
G7 C  
Angels in heaven, know I love you  
C G7  
Know I love you, dear, know I love you  
G7 C  
Angels in heaven, know I love you

C  
If you don't love me, love whom you  
G7  
please  
G7  
Throw your arms 'round me, give my  
C  
heart ease  
C  
Give my heart ease, love, give my heart  
G7  
ease  
G7  
Put your arms 'round me, give my heart  
C  
ease

C G7  
Build me a castle 40 feet high  
G7 C  
So I can see her as she rides by  
C G7  
As she rides by, love, as she rides by  
G7 C  
So I can see her as she rides by

C G7  
Write me a letter, send it by mail  
G7 C  
Send it in care of the Birmingham Jail  
C  
Birmingham Jail, love, the Birmingham  
G7  
Jail  
G7 C  
Send it in care of the Birmingham jail

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G7  
Hang your head over, hear the wind  
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blow

Per Wikipedia:  
**Down in the Valley**, also known as "**Birmingham Jail**", is a traditional **country-blues American folk song**. The verses mentioning "Birmingham Jail" refer to the Birmingham City Jail which was known in the mid-1920s. Guitarist Jimmie Tarlton claimed to have written the lyrics in 1925 while he was jailed in [Birmingham](#) for moonshining. It was first recorded by Tarlton and his partner Tom Darby on November 10, 1927 in [Atlanta](#).