

King of the Road

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Poverty in America

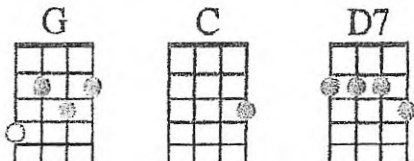
- 37 million Americans lived in poverty in 2005
- 12.6 percent of Americans are living in poverty today. This figure includes 7.7 million families.
- Today, 12.9 million children under the age of 18 are living in poverty. That's 17.6 percent of all children in America.
- 24.9 percent of African Americans are living in poverty, making the poverty rate among African Americans nearly twice the national rate
- 21.8 percent of Hispanics live in poverty
- 25.3 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives live in poverty
- Women are nearly 27 percent more likely to live in poverty than men. Women make 77 cents for every dollar made by men.
- Between 2004 and 2005, the number of Americans without any health insurance rose by 1.3 million. 46.6 million Americans do not have health care coverage. 8.3 million children under the age of 18 were uninsured in 2005. The proportion of people who receive health insurance from their employer continued to drop between 2004 and 2005, from 59.8 percent to 59.5 percent, the lowest levels in a decade.
- The number of people receiving assistance through government health insurance programs continues to rise. In 2005, 27.3 percent of Americans received some sort of government-sponsored health insurance, an increase from 27.2 in 2004.

G C D7 G
Trailer for sale or rent, rooms to let, fifty cents,
C D7
No phone, no pool, no pets, I ain't got no cigarettes, ah but...
G C D7 G
Two hours of pushing broom buys a eight by twelve four-bit no
C D7 G
I'm a man of means by no means, King of the Road

G C D7 G
Third box car midnight train, destination Bangor, Maine,
C D7
Old worn out suit and shoes, I don't pay no union dues, I smoke...
G C D7 G
Old stogies I have found, short, but not too big around,
C D7 G
I'm a man of means by no means, King of the Road

G C
I know every engineer on every train,
D7 G
All of their children and all of their names
C
And every handout in every town
D7
And ev'ry lock that ain't locked when no one's around, I sing ...

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