

## A HARD RAIN'S A-GONNA FALL

(shortened up-tempo 134 bpm ) **Riff = E \\\\\\\ D A E \\\\\\\ X 4**

Oh, where have you been      My blue-eyed son?      E  
And where have you been      My darling young one?      B  
I've stumbled on the side of twelve misty mountains      A E  
I've walked and I crawled on six crooked highways      A E  
I've stepped in the middle of seven sad forests      A E  
I've been out in front of a dozen dead oceans      A E  
I've been ten thousand miles in the mouth of a graveyard      A E

**And it's a hard, it's a hard      E B**  
**It's a hard, it's a hard      E A**  
**It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall      E B E Riff X2**

Oh, what did you see      My blue-eyed son?  
And what did you see      My darling young one?  
I saw a newborn baby with wild wolves all around it  
I saw a highway of diamonds with nobody on it  
I saw a black branch with blood that kept drippin'  
I saw a room full of men with their hammers a-bleedin'  
I saw a white ladder all covered with water  
I saw ten thousand talkers whose tongues were all broken  
I saw guns & sharp swords in the hands of young children      **CH**

And what did you hear      My blue-eyed son?  
And what did you hear      My darling young one?  
I heard the sound of the thunder that roared out a warning  
I heard the roar of a wave that could drown the whole world  
I heard one hundred drummers whose hands were a-blazing  
I heard ten thousand whispering and nobody listening  
I heard one person starve, I heard many people laughing  
I heard the song of a poet who died in the gutter  
I heard the sound of a clown who cried in the alley      **CH**

## A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall

Intro A - riff = couplets on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 5 6 \\\ 4 5 3 4 2 2 ~

Oh, where have you been My blue-eyed son? A  
And where have you been My darling young one? E

I've stumbled on the side of twelve misty mountains D A  
I've walked and I crawled on six crooked highways D A  
I've stepped in the middle of seven sad forests D A  
I've been out in front of a dozen dead oceans D A  
I've been ten thousand miles in the mouth of a graveyard D A

**And it's a hard, it's a hard A E**  
**It's a hard, it's a hard A D**  
**It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall A E A**

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Oh, what did you meet My blue-eyed son?

And who did you meet      My darling young one?

I met a young child beside a dead pony  
I met a white man who walked a black dog  
I met a young woman, her body was burning  
I met a young girl, she gave me a rainbow  
I met one man who was wounded in love  
I met another man who was wounded in hatred      **CH**

And what'll you do now      My blue-eyed son?  
And what'll you do now      My darling young one?

I'm a-goin' back out 'fore the rain starts a-fallin'  
I'll walk to the depths of the deepest dark forest  
Where the people are many and their hands are all empty  
Where the pellets of poison are flooding their waters  
Where their home in the valley meets the damp dirty prison  
And the executioner's face is always well-hidden

Where hunger is ugly, where the souls are forgotten  
Where black is the color, where none is the number  
And I'll tell it and speak it and think it and breathe it  
And reflect from the mountains so all souls can see it  
And I'll stand on the ocean until I start sinkin'  
But I'll know my song well before I start singing      **CH**