

Joe Bean

{SPOKEN over C:}

Well they're hanging Joe Bean this morning for killing a man in Arkansas.
Funny thing about it, Joe Bean has never been to Arkansas.
And on top of that, Joe Bean never heard of the man.
In fact, today is Joe Bean's twentieth birthday

[C] See thru the prison bars Joe Bean, see where the gallows [G7] stand
Just [C] twenty short years from the [F] day you were born,
You'll [C] die by the [G7] hangman's [C] hand

Yes they're hangin' Joe Bean this mornin' for a shootin' that he never [G7] did
He killed [C] twenty men by the [F] time he was ten, he [C] was an un[G7]ruly [C] kid
Yes they're hangin' Joe Bean for the [F] one shootin' that [C] Joe Bean [G7] never [C] did

SPOKEN:

Well Joe your mother is at the capitol askin' the governor for a [G7] stay
And it's [C] hard on her, 'cause she [F] knows where you were,
on [C] that par[G7]ticular [C] day
You were working Joe Bean, hard [F] working, [C] robbin' the [G7] Santa [C] Fe

Well the telegraph wires are hummin', hear the governor's words come [G7] thru
He said I [C] can't set you free, it's [F] not up to me,
but this [C] much Joe [G7] Bean, I'll [C] do,
I'll join your mother in [F] extending [C] birthday [G7] greetings to you [C]

Happy Birthday Joe Bean