

The Big Rock Candy Mountain

Original Tune and Lyrics

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aka Haywire Mac

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Strum across all strings until next fret number change;
some fret numbers are omitted for easier reading,
Fill in strums at end of measures to maintain rhythm

The musical score is written for guitar in 4/4 time, key of D major (two sharps). It consists of four systems of music, each with a melody line and a guitar accompaniment line. Chord diagrams are provided above the melody line for each measure, and fret numbers are indicated below the guitar line. The lyrics are written below the melody line.

System 1:

- Chords: D0, G0, D0
- Lyrics: In the Big Rock Can - dy Moun - tains, There's a land that's fair and bright, Where the

System 2:

- Chords: G0, D0, G0, A7
- Lyrics: hand - outs grow on bush - es, and you sleep out ev - 'ry night, Where the

System 3:

- Chords: D0, G0, D0
- Lyrics: box cars all are em - pty, And the sun shines ev - 'ry day, Oh I'm

System 4:

- Chords: G0, D0, G0, D0
- Lyrics: bound to go where there ain't no snow, Where the

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15 rain don't fall and the wind don't blow, In the Big Rock Can - dy

18 Moun - tains. Oh, the buz - zin' of the bees in the

21 pep - per - mint trees 'Round the so - da wa - ter foun - tains, Where the

24 lem - on - ade springs and the blue - bird sings In the Big Rock Can - dy Moun - tains.

In the Big Rock Candy Mountains
 The cops have wooden legs,
 And the bulldogs all have rubber teeth
 And the hens lay soft-boiled eggs.
 The farmers' trees are full of fruit,
 The barns are full of hay.
 Oh, I want to go where there ain't no snow
 Where the rain don't fall and the wind don't blow
 In the Big Rock Candy Mountains.

In the Big Rock Candy Mountains
 You never wash your socks,
 And the little streams of lemonade
 Come trickling down the rocks.
 The people there are friendly
 And their fires all burn bright,
 There's a lake of goo and honey too
 You paddle around in a big canoe
 In the Big Rock Candy Mountains.