The Man in Black Johnny Cash

Capo: 3:rd fret

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Well you wonder why I always dress in black.

A7

Why you never see bright colors on my back.

C G C

And why does my appearance seem to have a

G

sombre tone.

A7 D7

Well there's a reason for the things that I have on.

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I wear the black for the poor and the beaten down

A7

Living in the hopeless hungry side of town

C G C

I wear it for the prisoner who has long paid for his

G

crime

A7 D7

But who is still in there as a victim of the time

G

I wear the black for those who've never read

A7

Or listened to the words that Jesus said

C G C

About the road to happiness through love and

G

charity

A7 D7

Why you'd think He's talking straight to you and me

G

Well we're doing mighty fine I do suppose

A7

In our streak of lightning cars and fancy clothes

C G C

But just so we're reminded of the ones who are

G

held back

A7 D7

Up front there ought to be a man in black

G

I wear it for the sick and the lonely old

A7

For the reckless ones whose bad trips left them cold

C G C

I wear the black in morning for the lives that could

G

have been

A7 D7

Each week we lose a hundred fine young men

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And I wear it for the thousands who have died

A7

Believing that the Lord was on their side

C G C

I wear it for another hundred thousand who have

G

died

A7 D7

Believing that we all were on their side

G

Well, there're things that never will be right I know

A7

And things need changing everywhere you go

C G C

But 'till we start to make a move to make a few

G

things right

A7 D7

You'll never see me wear a suit of white

G

And I'd love to wear a rainbow everyday

A7

And tell the world that everything's okay

C G C G

But I'll try to carry off a little darkness on my back

A7 D7 G D G

Till things are brighter I'm the man in black