**JOHN HARDY WAS A DESPERATE LITTLE MAN**

Carter Family

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**INTRO: [C]/[C]/[C]/[C]**

John **[C]** Hardy was a **[G]** desperate little man

He **[C]** carried two guns every **[G]** day **[G]**

He **[C]** shot a man on the **[G]** West Virginia line

And you **[G]** ought to see John **[D]** Hardy getting a-**[G]**way**/[G]/[D]/[G]/[G]**

John **[C]** Hardy got to the **[G]** East Stone Bridge

He **[C]** thought that he would be **[G]** free **[G]**

And **[C]** up stepped a man and **[G]** took him by his arm

Said **[G]** Johnny walk a-**[D]**long with **[G]** me**/[G]/[D]/[G]/[G]**

He **[C]** sent for his poppy and his **[G]** mommy, too

To **[C]** come and go his **[G]** bail **[G]**

But **[C]** money won’t throw away a **[G]** murdering case

And they **[G]** locked John **[D]** Hardy back in **[G]** jail**/[G]/[D]/[G]/[G]**

John **[C]** Hardy had a **[G]** pretty little girl

The **[C]** dress that she wore was **[G]** blue **[G]**

As **[C]** she came skipping thru the **[G]** old jail hall

Saying **[G]** Poppy I've been **[D]** true to **[G]** you**/[G]/[D]/[G]/[G]**

John **[C]** Hardy had a-**[G]**nother little girl

The **[C]** dress that she wore was **[G]** red **[G]**

She **[C]** followed John Hardy to his **[G]** hanging ground

Saying **[G]** Poppy I would **[D]** rather be **[G]** dead**/[G]/[D]/[G]/[G]**

I've **[C]** been to the East and I've **[G]** been to the West

I've **[C]** been this wide world a-**[G]**round **[G]**

I've **[C]** been to the river and I've **[G]** been baptized

And **[G]** now I'm on my **[D]** hanging **[G]** ground**/[G]/[D]/[G]/[G]**

John **[C]** Hardy walked out on his **[G]** scaffold high

With his **[C]** loving little wife by his **[G]** side **[G]**

And the **[C]** last word she heard her **[G]** John-o say

I'll **[G]** meet you in that **[D]** sweet bye and **[G]** bye**/[G]/[D]/[G]/[G]**

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