

Don't Forget the Coffee, Billy Joe

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INTRO: 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [G] / [G] / [G]

It [G] snowed the night be-[C]fore and it had [G] frozen on the ground
[G] We didn't have a [C] car and we lived [G] seven miles from [D] town
[C] And I can hear my daddy's voice so [G] many years a-[C]go
Sayin' [G] "Don't forget the [C] coffee, Billy [G] Joe" [G]

CHORUS:

[D] "Mama needs her medicine, she's [C] got that real bad [G] cough
We'll [D] get our check on Monday, tell ol' [C] Sam we'll pay him [G] off
[G] And you can catch a [C] ride when you get [G] to the black-top [C] road
[G] Don't forget the [C] coffee, Billy [G] Joe" [G]

[G] Me and Quentin [C] went back on the [G] hill and we cut some wood
[G] Burnin' in that [C] ol' warm mornin' [G] stove, it sure smelled [D] good
[C] My daddy couldn't get work then and [G] I was just a [C] child
And [G] God was on va-[C]cation for a-[G]while [G]

CHORUS:

"Well, if [D] you see Fred you tell him I'll come [C] help him kill them [G] hogs
[D] And ask him if he'd still be inter-[C]ested in my [G] dogs
[G] Don't hang around that [C] pool room all day, [G] we might get more [C] snow
[G] And don't forget the [C] coffee, Billy [G] Joe" [G]

Well, they [G] wonder why there [C] ain't no rabbits [G] left this day and time
To [G] tell the truth, I [C] guess we ate 'em [G] all in forty-[D]nine
Was that [C] yesterday or was it over [G] twenty years a-[C]go
[G] "Don't forget the [C] coffee, Billy [G] Joe" [G]

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[G] Don't forget the [C] coffee, Billy [G] Joe, [G] now pay at-[G]tention, son
[G] Don't forget the [C] coffee, Billy [G] Joe" [G]↓ [D]↓ [G]↓

