

**Intro:**

[C] [G] [C] [C ↓ ] [2\_3]

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All [C] through the years that I grew up Ma [G] told these things to [C] me [C7]  
 But [F] I was young and foolish then and [C] much too blind to [C7] see  
 [F] I ignored the things she said, as [C] if I'd never [Am] heard  
 [C] Now I see and understand the [G] wisdom of her [C] words

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I [C] started going places where the [G] youngsters shouldn't [C] go [C7]  
 I [F] got to know the kind of folk it's [C] better not to know  
 I [F] fell in with a bad crowd and [C] laughed and drank with [Am] them  
 [C] Through the strumming Mama's words would [G] echo now and [C] then

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I [C] got in trouble with the law and [G] I'm in prison [C] now [C7]  
 [F] Through these prison bars I see things [C] so much different [C7] now  
 [F] I've got one year left to serve and [C] when my time is [Am] done  
 [C] I'll walk tall and straight to make Ma [G] proud to call me [C] son

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 Walk [G] taaa - [G] aaa - [G] aaall [C ↓ ] [NC] Walk tall!