

# Carter Family Session

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1. Gathering Flowers From The Hillside (D)
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**1. Gathering Flowers From The Hillside - The Carter Family - (1935) -D-**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulXsAKY9Oel>

**Wilma Lee & Stoney Cooper:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTYBAkFriC4> ;

**Chr.: I've been (D) gathering flowers from the (G) hillside  
To (D) wreath around your (A) brow  
But you've (D) kept me a-waitin' so long, (G) dear  
The flowers have (A) all withered (D) now**

**I (D) know that you have seen (G) trouble  
But (D) never hang down your (A) head  
Your (D) love for me is like the (G) flowers  
Your love for (A) me is (D) dead**

**It was on one bright June morning  
The roses were in bloom  
I shot and killed my darling  
And what will be my doom?**

**Closed eyes cannot see these roses  
Closed hands cannot hold them, you know  
And these lips that still cannot kiss me  
(They have) Has gone from me forever more**

**2. Picture On The Wall**      The Carter Family      **C**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYHDUq9KUwA>

Aviva Steigmeier: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHoGMiJyWvc>

**1. There's an (C ) old and faded (G7) picture on the (C ) wall,  
that has been hanging there for (F) many (C ) years.  
'Tis the (F) picture of my mother, but I (C ) know there is no  
other  
that can take the place of (G7) mother on the (C ) wall.**

**Chr.: On the wall, (on the wall), (F) on the (C ) wall  
(on the wall),  
how I love that dear old picture on the (G7) wall !  
Time is (C ) swiftly passing by, and I (F) bow my  
head and cry,  
but I (C ) know I'll meet my (G7) mother after (C )  
all.**

**2. Yet the children all have scattered, all have gone,  
and I have a little fam'ly of my own  
And I know I love them well, more than any tongue can  
tell,  
but I'll hold that dear old picture on the wall.**

**+ CHORUS**

**3. Since I lost that dear old mother years ago,  
there is none to which with troubles I can go.  
As my guitar makes this chord, I am praying to the Lord :  
Let me hold that dear old picture on the wall.**

**+ CHORUS**

### **3. Lonesome Homesick Blues      Carter Family      -E- (capo 2. Bund)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuEFT8sDKzk&list=OLAK5uy\\_khPbcFp3xvOn1D5ShMWt15qO8GEocfw2Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuEFT8sDKzk&list=OLAK5uy_khPbcFp3xvOn1D5ShMWt15qO8GEocfw2Q)

Caleb Klauder & Reeb Wilms : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGRM9KVQ\\_qk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGRM9KVQ_qk) ;

**1. I've got the (D) lonesome | homesick blues,  
I've got them (G) bad, babe, | down in my (D)  
shoes.**

**I left someone there | that I might lose,  
that's why I've (A) got these | old homesick (D)  
blues.**

**2. It makes me (D) homesick | to hear your name,  
and hold you, (G) dear, in | my arms (D) again.  
I'm a gonna ride that | old lonesome train  
to the one I (A) left back | in Maces (D) Spring.**

**3. You told me once, dear, | you loved me so,  
and it's on my mind, dear, | everywhere I go.  
I'll soon be knowing | if it is so,  
or has your love for | me grown cold ?**

**4. Oh, listen to that | old lonesome train,  
it's a gonna carry | me back again,  
to the one that told me | their love was true,  
I'll spend the rest of | my days with you.**

**4. Hold Fast to the Right - Carter Family      1937      C**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SAyDGk\\_Ws](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SAyDGk_Ws)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plc6ieXz\\_VU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plc6ieXz_VU) / (auch: Dolly Parton u. Nashville Bluegrass Band)

**Kneel (C) down by the (F) side of your (C) mother, my boy**

**You have (G7) only a moment I (C) know**

**But (C) stay till I (F) give you this (C) parting advice**

**It is (G7) all that I have to (C) bestow**

**Chr.: Hold fast to the (F) right, hold (C) fast to the right**

**Wher- ( G7) ever your footsteps may (C) roam**

**Oh forsake not the (F) way of a sal- (C) vation my boy**

**That you ( G7) learn'd from your mother at (C) home**

**You leave us to seek your employment, my boy**

**By the world you have yet to be tried**

**But in the temptations and trials you meet**

**May your heart to the Savior confide**

**Chr.:**

**I gave you to God in your cradle, my boy**

**And I've taught you the best that I knew**

**And as long as His mercies permit me to live**

**And I shall never cease praying for you**

**Chr.:**

**You will find in your satchel, a Bible, my boy**

**It's the book of all others the best**

**It will help you to live and prepare you to die**

**And will lead to the gates of the blest**

**Chr.:**