

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

words & music by Jimmie Tarlton 1925

Key: C **Start note:** G **Time:** 3/4 **Strum:** D d d D d d
or pick strings 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3 (keep timing of first verse throughout song)

Intro: C // G7 // C //

C / / C // C // C // C / / G7 // G7 // G7 //
1. Down in the valley..... valley so low,

G7 / / G7 / / G7 // G7 // G7 / / C // C // C //

Late in the evening..... hear the wind blow

C / / C // C // C // C / / G7 // G7 // G7 //

Hear the wind blow dear..... hear the wind blow

G7 / / G7 // G7 // G7 // G7 / / C // C // C //

Late in the evening..... hear the wind blow

C / / C // C // C // C / / G7 // G7 // G7 //

2. Roses love sunshine..... violets love dew;

G7 / / G7 // G7 // G7 // G7 / / C // C // C //

Angels in heaven..... know I love you.

C / / C // C // C // C / / G7 // G7 // G7 //

Know I love you dear..... know I love you

G7 / / G7 // G7 // G7 // G7 / / C // C // C //

Angels in heaven..... know I love you.

C C C C C G7 G7 G7

3. Build me a castle..... forty feet high,

G7 G7 G7 G7 G7 C C C

So I can see him..... As he rides by.

C C C C C G7 G7 G7

As he rides by, love, As he rides by

G7 G7 G7 G7 G7 C C C

So I can see him..... As he rides by

G

Pg. 2 Down in the Valley

C **C C C** **C** **G7 G7 G7**
4. If you don't love me,..... love whom you please.

G7 **G7 G7 G7** **G7** **C C C**
Throw your arms 'round me..... give my heart ease.

C **C C C C** **C** **G7 G7 G7**
Give my heart ease, love..... give my heart ease.

G7 **G7 G7 G7** **G7** **C C C**
Throw your arms 'round me..... give my heart ease

C **C C C** **C** **G7 G7 G7**
5. Write me a letter..... send it by mail

G7 **G7 G7 G7** **G7** **C C C**
Send it in care of..... Birmingham jail

C **C C C** **C** **G7 G7 G7**
Birmingham jail, love..... Birmingham jail,

G7 **G7 G7 G7** **G7** **C // G7 // C // C↓**
Send it in care of..... Birmingham jail

*(This song can also be played using alternating bass strings if you have a low G -
e.g. C string pick, strum strum, G string pick, strum strum, using your thumb to pick the
C and G strings.)*