

New Sheriff in Town

Background: The initial riff and main theme came quickly, and originally I thought this would be a short and simple song, mostly to improvise acoustic guitar around Am and G. But it continued to grow and turned into what seemed like a soundtrack song to a western film. So, I continued to try to develop it into a story set in a typical western town. Outside of the context of a movie, it's not really much of a song, but in that context it's not bad. The music is the typical cowboy chord songs used in western style music.

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Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	Am	4/4	Standard	135	Western	2, None

Arrangement	1
Intro	Asus2/Am/Asus G
Verse	Asus2/Am/Asus G
Chorus	F C Dm E G Asus2
Bridge	Dm F C G x3 on the last one go to E then back to Am

Chords Used in this Song

Asus2	G	F	C	Dm	E

Gadd11	Cadd9	Dsus2	Am	Asus

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Verse 1

(Fingerpicked Asus2 and G)

Sunrise on the edge of town
Better put that gun down
Ghostly winds blow all around
Look out there's a new Sheriff in town

A horse named for his shade of Sandy Brown
Stamps a foot and paws the ground
Reins pull and turn his head around
Spurs tell Sandy to head into town

Verse 2

(Fingerpicked Asus2 and G)

Rattlesnake coiled like a loaded gun
Diamondback gleams off the high noon sun
One venomous bite and a grown man's done
His rattle makes a grown man turn and run

Horseshoes and boot heels scar the ground
Better put that gun down
No one here dares make a sound
Look out there's a new Sheriff in town

Chorus

(Fingerpicked F C Dm E G Am)

Look out there's a new Sheriff in town
Hat perched high like a royal crown
Leather vest and boots stained brown
Look out there's a new Sheriff in town

Verse 3

(Light strumming Asus G)

Train whistle screams a warning cry
Smokestacks breathe a heavy sigh
Coyotes howl and blackbirds fly
There's an evil gleam in the black cat's eye

Stagecoach rolling overground

Wagon wheels spin out of town
Tumbleweeds blow across the ground
Train rumbling over tracks westbound

Look out there's a new Sheriff in town

Chorus

(Strummed F C Dm E G Am)

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Bridge 1 (The Train Robbery)

(Train Rhythm – Am)

(Dm F C G)

Steam train crossin' the North Bridge tracks
Three Black Hats approach on horseback
Guns drawn, faces veiled in black
Horses gallop and bull whips crack

(Dm F C G)

Head Black Hat, AceHigh his name
Rumored to have killed Jesse James
Train robbery is his claim to fame
There's no honor among thieves in his deadly game

(Dm F C G E)

Two shots fired high and on they board
Subdue the passengers with rawhide cord
Conductor lies dead on the cold floorboards
Black Hats loot and take home their score

Verse 4

(Harder Strumming - Asus2 G)

Out west a villain's blood runs cold
No bank or train heist is ever too bold
In a town built on a quest for silver and gold
Lives are cheap and souls are sold

Harmonica Break

Verse 5

(Harder Strumming - Asus2 G)

The stores on Main Street are all closed down
Silence here the only sound
A black cat prowls across the dirty ground
You'd best be gone before sundown

Black Patch keeps a watchful eye
Lost the other at just age five
Legend is AceHigh cut it out with a knife
But no one here can tell the truth from lies

Bridge 2 (The Duel)

(Dm F C G)

Saloon doors batwing
Hit the wall with a pound
Soiled doves heads turn
As he looks around
Bandits swim in whiskey
Tryin' not to drown
He spots AceHigh
They stare each other down

(Dm F C G E)

They step outside
Neither man backs down
Each gun loaded
With just a single round
Ten paces forward
Then turn around
A quick draw sends him
6 feet underground

Verse 6

(Hard Strumming - Asus2 G)

Frontier justice is the only way
Death sometimes the price you pay
Bandits race to make their getaway

To live to fight another day

Chorus

Look out there's a new Sheriff in town
Hat perched high like a royal crown
Leather vest and boots stained brown
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Verse 7

Where black hat outlaws on horses ride
Where thieves and bandits go to hide
Where masked gunslingers lurk outside
Where many a wanted man has died

Over the horizon the sun goes down
He dismounts Sandy and looks around
Only the wind dares make a sound
Look out there's a new Sheriff in town

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