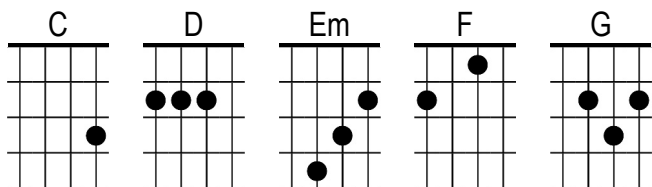


Big Bad John

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Intro

F:d- Big **G:d-----** John, **F:d-** Big **G:d-----** John

Every **G:d-d-d-** morning at the mine you could see him ar**F:d-**rive,
He stood **G:d-d-d-** six foot six and weighed two forty-**F:d-**five
Kinda **G:d-d-d-** broad at the shoulder and narrow at the **F:d-** hip
And **G:d-d-d-** everybody knew you didn't give no **F:d-** lip, to Big **G** John

(Big **Em** John, Big $\frac{1}{2}$ **C** Jo-**D↓**ohn)

Big Bad **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-** (Big **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-**)

No **G:d-d-d-**body seemed to know where John called **F:d-** home,
He just **G:d-d-d-** drifted into town and stayed all a **F:d-** lone
He **G:d-d-d-** didn't say much, kinda quiet and **F:d-** shy,
And **G:d-d-d-** if you spoke at all, you just said, **F:d-** "hi," to Big **G:d-**
d-d- John **F:d-**

Some **G:d-d-d-**body said he came from New Or**F:d-**leans,
Where he **G:d-d-d-** got in a fight over a Cajun **F:d-** Queen
And a **G:d-d-d-** crashing blow from a huge right **F:d-** hand,
Sent a **G:d-d-d-** Louisiana fellow to the Promised **F:d-** Land, Big **G** John

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Big Bad **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-** (Big **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-**)

Then **G:d-d-d-** came the day at the bottom of the **F:d-** mine,
When a **G:d-d-d-** timber cracked and men started **F:d-** cryin'
G:d-d-d- Miners were praying and hearts beat **F:d-** fast

And **G:d-d-d-** everybody thought that they'd breathed their **F:d-** last, 'cept
G:d-d-d- John **F:d-**

Through the **G:d-d-d-** dust and the smoke of this man-made **F:d-** hell,
Walked a **G:d-d-d-** giant of a man that the miners knew **F:d-** well
Grabbed a **G:d-d-d-** sagging timber and gave out with a **F:d-** groan,
And like a **G:d-d-d-** giant Oak tree he just stood there a **F:d-** lone, Big **G**
John

(Big **Em** John, Big $\frac{1}{2}$ **C** Jo-**D↓**ohn)

Big Bad **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-** (Big **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-**)

And with **G:d-d-d-** all of his strength he gave a mighty **F:d-** shove,
Then a **G:d-d-d-** miner yelled out, "There's a light up a **F:d-**bove"
And **G:d-d-d-** twenty men scrambled from a would-be **F:d-** grave
Now, there's **G:d-d-d-** only one left, down there to **F:d-** save, Big **G:d-**
d-d- John **F:d-**

With **G:d-d-d-** jacks and timbers they started back **F:d-** down,
Then **G:d-d-d-** came that rumble way down in the **F:d-** ground
And then **G:d-d-d-** smoke and gas belched out of that **F:d-** mine
G:d-d-d- Everybody knew it was the end of the **F:d-** line, for Big **G** John
(Big **Em** John, Big $\frac{1}{2}$ **C** Jo-**D↓**ohn)

Big Bad **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-** (Big **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-**)

Now, they **G:d-d-d-** never reopened that worthless **F:d-** pit,
They just **G:d-d-d-** placed a marble stand in front of **F:d-** it
G:d-d-d- These few words are written on that **F:d-** stand **G:d-**
"At the **nc** bottom of this mine, lies a big, big man, Big John"

(Big **Em** John, Big $\frac{1}{2}$ **C** Jo-**D↓**ohn)

Big Bad **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-**

(Big **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-**, Big **G:d-d-d-** John **F:d-** **G:d-**)