

IF I WAS THE PRIEST

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Intro (don't play the bottom E string on Intro)

G/B C/G G C/G G/B C/G G C/G

Verse

WELL THERE'S A LIGHT -ON YONDER -MOUNTAIN AND IT'S CALLIN' ME TO SHINE
 THERE'S A GIRL OVER BY THE WATER FOUNTAIN AND SHE'S ASKING TO BE MINE
 AND AIN'T THAT JESUS HE'S STANDING IN THE DOORWAY
 WITH A BUCKSKIN JACKET, BOOTS AND SPURS SO REALLY FINE
 HE SAYS WE NEED YOU UP IN DODGE CITY SON BECAUSE THERE'S
 OH SO MANY BAD BOYS TRYIN' TO WORK THE SAME LINE

G/B C/G G C/G G/B C/G G C/G

chorus

WELL NOW IF JESUS WAS THE SHERIFF AND I WAS THE PRIEST IF MY
 LADY WAS AN HEIRESS AND MY MAMA WAS A THIEF OH AND
 PAPA RODE SHOTGUN FOR THE FARGO LINE
 STILL TOO MANY BAD BOYS TRYIN' TO WORK THE SAME LINE

G/B C/G G C/G G/B C/G G C/G

Verse

NOW OLD SWEET VIRGIN MARY SHE RUNS THE HOLY GRAIL SALOON
 WHERE FOR A NICKEL THEY'LL GIVE YOU WHISKEY AND A PERSONALLY BLESSED BALLOON
 AND THE HOLY GHOST HE'S THE HOST WITH THE MOST HE RUNS THE BERLESQUE SHOW
 WHERE THEY LET IN FOR FREE BUT OOH HIT YOU FOR YOUR SOUL WHEN YOU GO
 AND MARY SERVES MASS ON SUNDAY AND THEN SHE SELLS HER BODY ON MONDAY
 TO THE BOOTLEGGER WHO WILL PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE
 WELL HE DON'T KNOW HE GOT STUCK WITH THE LOSIN' MARY STONE
 JUNKIE WHAT'S MORE SHE'S A BOOZER SHE'S ONLY BEEN MADE ONCE OR TWICE
 BY SOME KIND OF MAGIC

G/B C/G G C/G G/B C/G G C/G

G **G** **D** **D**
 WELL THINGS AIN'T BEEN SANE IN HEAVEN EVER SINCE BIG BAD BOBBY CAME TO TOWN
Em **D** **C** **C/G**
 HE'S BEEN KNOWN TO DOWN ELEVEN AND THEN ASK FOR ANOTHER ROUND
G **G** **D** **D**
 AND ME I GOT SCABS ON MY KNEES FROM KNEELIN' WAY TO LONG
Em **D** **C** **C/G**
 YOU GOT TO TAKE A STAND, BE A MAN UP WHERE YOU BELONG
G **G** **D** **D**
 AND FORGET ABOUT THE OLD FRIENDS IN THE OLD TIMES
Em **D** **C (hold)**
 BUT THERE'S JUST TOO MANY NEW BOYS TRYING TO WORK THE SAME LINE.

G/B C/G G C/G

Chorus

G **D** **Em** **D**
 WELL NOW IF JESUS WAS THE SHERIFF AND I WAS THE PRIEST IF MY
Em **D** **C** **C/G**
 LADY WAS AN HEIRESS AND MY MAMA WAS A THIEF OH AND
G **D** **C** **Am**
 PAPA RODE SHOTGUN FOR THE FARGO LINE
Em **D** **C (hold)**
 STILL TOO MANY BAD BOYS TRYIN' TO WORK THE SAME LINE

G/B C/G G C/G G/B C/G G C/G

Verse

G **G** **D** **D** **Em** **D** **C** **C/G**
 WELL THERE'S A LIGHT -ON YONDER -MOUNTAIN AND IT'S CALLIN' ME TO SHINE
G **G** **D** **D** **Em** **D** **C** **C/G**
 THERE'S A GIRL OVER BY THE WATER FOUNTAIN AND SHE'S ASKING TO BE MINE
G **G** **D** **D**
 AND JESUS HE'S STANDING IN THE DOORWAY
Em **D** **C** **C/G**
 WITH 6 GUNS DRAWN READY TO FAN
G **G** **D** **D**
 HE SAYS WE NEED YOU UP IN DODGE CITY SON
Em **D** **C (hold)**
 I'M ALREADY OVERDUE IN CHEYENE