

	4/4	p1	capo 1	capo 4
I grew up ... in Broken Holler,	C	C	G C	A A E A
Where my brother Dan ... and i did play.	C	F	F C	A D D A
There i met ... his best friend Able	C	F	F C	A D D A
Who promptly stole ... my heart away.	C	G	G C	A E E A
<b>chorus:</b> Please come back ... my darling Able.	F	F	C C	D D A A
Heartaches darken ... empty days.	G	G	C C	E E A A
This so-called life ... is ever painful	F	F	C C	D D A A
Since you up ... and went away.	G	G	C C	E E A A
When he said ... that he had to leave	C	C	G C	A A E A
To seek his fortune ... way out west,	C	F	F C	A D D A
To gather gold ... in California,	C	F	F C	A D D A
He plunged a knife ... into my breast.	C	G	G C	A E E A
[chorus]				
He rode off ... one foggy morning	C	C	G C	A A E A
With dreams of riches ... in his mind.	C	F	F C	A D D A
So little thought .. for this mountain maiden –	C	F	F C	A D D A
How could love ... be so unkind?	C	G	G C	A E E A
<b>bridge:</b> In my dear holler ... i've awaited him,	F	F	C C	D D A A
And daily wished ... him all good health –	G	G	C C	E E A A
Marking time ... for when we'd spend	F	F	C C	D D A A
His hard-earned Cal ... ifornia wealth.	G	G	C C	E E A A
It's now ten years ... since he's been gone.	C	C	G C	A A E A
And from that scoundrel ... i've not heard.	C	F	F C	A D D A
Says Uncle John ... in Tennessee,	C	F	F C	A D D A
He's there strutting ... like a flashy bird.	C	G	G C	A E E A
Though by now ... he brings no joy,	F	F	C C	D D A A
I'm still bothered ... by that handsome boy.	G	G	C C	E E A A
So to make my mind ... a bit more stable	F	F	C C	D D A A
I think i'll go ... and Cain that Able.	G	G	C C(p6)	E E A A(p6)