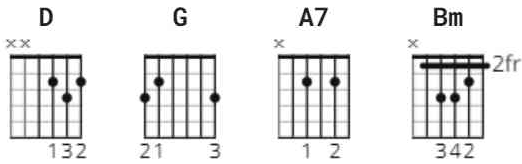


Mama Tried chords by Merle Haggard



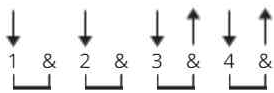
Tuning: E A D G B E

CHORDS



STRUMMING

WHOLE SONG 196 bpm



[Verse 1]

The first thing I remember knowing was a lonesome whistle blowin'
And a young un's dream of growin' up to ride
On a freight train leavin' town, not knowin' where I'm bound
And no one could change my mind, but Mama tried

[Verse 2]

One and only rebel child, from a family meek and mild
My Mama seemed to know what lay in store
'Spite of all my Sunday learnin', toward the bad I kept on turnin'
'Til Mama couldn't hold me anymore

[Chorus]

And I turned twenty-one in prison doin' life without parole
No one could steer me right, but Mama tried, Mama tried
Mama tried to raise me better, but her pleading I denied,
that leaves only me to blame, 'cause Mama tried

[Solos]

D G D G
D A7
D G D G

D A7 D

[Chorus]

And I turned twenty-one in prison doin' life without parole
Bm A7
No one could steer me right, but Mama tried, Mama tried
D G D
Mama tried to raise me better, but her pleading I denied,
A7 D
that leaves only me to blame, 'cause Mama tried

[Verse 3]

Dear old Daddy, rest his soul, he left my mom a heavy load
D G D G
She tried so very hard to fill his shoes
D A7
Workin' hours without rest, wanted me to have the best
D A7 D
She tried to raise me right, but I refused

[Chorus]

And I turned twenty-one in prison doin' life without parole
Bm A7
No one could steer me right, but Mama tried, Mama tried
D G D
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A7 D
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[Outro]

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