

# Grandpa Was A Carpenter

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[G] [C]  
Oh, grandpa wore his suit to dinner nearly every day  
[G] [D]  
No particular reason, he just dressed that way  
[G] [C]  
Brown necktie with a matching vest and both his wingtip shoes  
[G] [D] [G]  
He built a closet on our back porch and put a penny in a burned-out fuse

[C] [G]  
**Grandpa was a carpenter, he built houses, stores and banks**  
[C] [G] [D]  
**Chain-smoked Camel cigarettes and hammered nails in planks**  
[G] [C]  
**He would level on the level, he shaved even every door**  
[G] [D] [G]  
**And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause Lincoln won the war**

**C G D G**

[G] [C]  
Well, he used to sing me "Blood on the Saddle" and rock me on his knee  
[G] [D]  
And let me listen to the radio before we got TV  
[G] [C]  
Well, he'd drive to church on Sunday and he'd take me with him too  
[G] [D] [G]  
Stained glass in every window, hearing aids in every pew

{c:Chorus}

[G] [C]  
Well, my Grandma was a teacher, she went to school in Bowling Green  
[G] [D]  
Traded in a milking cow for a Singer sewing machine  
[G] [C]  
Well, she called her husband "Mister," and she walked real tall in pride  
[G] [D] [G]  
She used to buy me comic books after grandpa died

{c:Chorus}