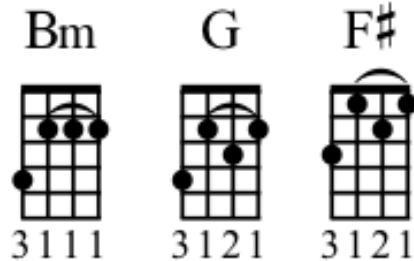


# Whistlin' Past the Graveyard

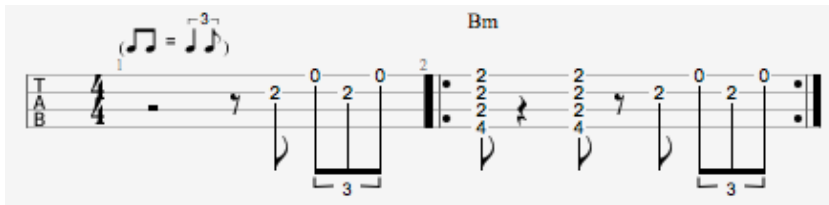


Tom Waits



## INTRO

Riff



## VERSE 1

Riff/Bm

I come in on a night train, with an arm full of box cars  
On the wings of a magpie, cross a hooligan night  
I busted up a chifforobe, way out by the cocomo  
Cooked up a mess a mulligan, and got into a fight

## CHORUS

G  
Whistlin' past the graveyard  
F#  
Steppin' on a crack  
G  
A mean motherhubbard  
F#                      Riff  
Papa one eyed jack

## VERSE 2

Riff/Bm

You probably seen me sleepin', out by the railroad tracks  
Go on and ask the prince of darkness, what about all that smoke come from the stack,  
Sometimes I kill myself a jackal, suck out all the blood  
Steal myself a station-wagon, drivin' through the mud

## **CHORUS**

### **VERSE 3**

Riff/Bm

I know you seen my headlights, and the honkin' of my horn  
I'm callin' out my bloodhounds, chase the devil through the corn  
Last night I chugged the Mississippi, now that suckers dry as a bone  
I'm Born in a taxi cab, I'm never goin' home

## **CHORUS**

### **VERSE 4**

Riff/Bm

My eyes have seen the glory, of the drainin' of the ditch  
I only come to baton rouge, to find myself a witch  
I'm-ona snatch me up a, couple of em every time it rains  
You see a locomotive, probably thinkin' its a train

## **CHORUS**

### **VERSE 5**

Riff/Bm

What you think is the sunshine, is just a twinkle in my eye  
That ring around my finger, called the 4th of july  
I'm gonna tear me off a rainbow, and wear it for a tie  
I never told the truth, so I can never tell a lie

## **CHORUS**