

# Old Man in the Shanty - The Chapmans

Bluegrass Classic, Key of **B<sup>b</sup>** My Key: \_\_\_\_

**INTRO:** 1 , 4 , 1 , 5 , 1 , 4 , 1 5 , 1 , 1

Up the 1 road, that leads by Mission 4 Hollow  
Stands a 1 shanty, in the-field there all a- 5 lone  
A worn-out 1 burlap sack, hanging o'er the 4 window  
And the 1 smoke, from an 5 old wood burning 1 stove  
In the 1 shanty lives an old, man from 4 nowhere  
Where the 1 only thing he ever knew was 5 grief  
Mama 1 said, he was a drunkard, in her 4 childhood  
She wished that 1 he'd, just 5 pack his things and 1 leave

**CHORUS:** Don't you 1 go, near the shanty son the 4 old man's got a gun  
And 1 when he, gets to drinkin', he'll shoot it just for 5 fun  
But they 1 never knew, that I, was the 4 old man's only friend  
The 4 old man in the 1 shanty, how I 5 still remember 1 him

**INSTRUMENTAL:** Same as **INTRO**

Sunday 1 morn, in's I'd slip out of my 4 window  
He'd be 1 waitin' in the shanty by the 5 door  
A plate of 1 homemade bread, bacon eggs and 4 butter  
That he'd 1 made, on his 5 old wood burning 1 stove  
Well he 1 told me how he came, about 4 living there  
How his 1 fam,'ly had died that awful 5 day  
Now the 1 only thing he turned to was the 4 bottle  
And never 1 since, has he 5 let the bottle 1 lay

**CHORUS / INSTRUMENTAL**

Well to- 1 day, was the last time that I 4 saw him  
So I 1 guess, the bottle finally 5 won  
With a 1 dying breath he turned up to the 4 ceiling  
Said God for- 1 give, me for 5 all that I have 1 done,  
I 1 laid him in the place, that he 4 showed me  
I said a 1 prayer and sang a song, as I 5 dug  
No one 1 knew, what had happened to the 4 stranger  
They 1 thought that he'd, just 5 packed his things and 1 gone

**CHORUS** except for a different last line:

The 4 old man in the 1 shanty, how I 5 still remember 6m him  
He's just an 4 old man in the 1 shanty, how I 5 still remember 1 him

**OUTRO:** 4 1 , 5 1

1 = B <sup>b</sup>
4 = E <sup>b</sup>
5 = F