

# John Hardy - The Carter Family

Bluegrass Classic, Key of **B** My Key: \_\_\_\_

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

John 4 Hardy, was a 1 desperate little man  
He 4 carried, two guns every 1 day  
He 4 shot, a man on the 1 West Virginia line  
And you 1 ought to see John 5 Hardy getting a- 1 way, 5 1  
John 4 Hardy, got to the 1 East Stone Bridge  
He 4 thought, that he would be 1 free  
And 4 up-stepped a man and 1 took him by the arm  
Saying 1 Johnny, walk a- 5 long with 1 me, 5 1  
He 4 sent for, his poppy and his 1 mommy too  
To 4 come, and go his 1 bail  
But 4 money, won't go a 1 murdering case  
And they 1 locked John 5 Hardy back in 1 jail, 5 1  
John 4 Hardy, had a 1 pretty little girl  
The 4 dress that, she wore was 1 blue  
As 4 she came, skipping through the 1 old jail hall  
Saying 1 Poppy, I been 5 true to 1 you, 5 1  
John 4 Hardy, had an- 1 other little girl  
The 4 dress that, she wore was 1 red  
She 4 followed, John Hardy to his 1 hanging ground  
Saying 1 Poppy, I would 5 rather, be 1 dead, 5 1  
I've 4 been to the East and I've 1 been to the West  
I've 4 been, this wide world a- 1 round  
I've 4 been to, the river and I've 1 been baptized  
And 1 now I'm on my 5 hanging 1 ground, 5 1  
John 4 Hardy, walked out on his 1 scaffold high  
With his 4 loving, little wife by his 1 side  
And the 4 last words, she heard poor 1 John-O say  
I'll 1 meet you in that 5 sweet bye and 1 bye, 5 1

**INSTRUMENTAL:** 4 , 1 , 4 , 1 , 4 , 1 , 1 5 , 1

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