

One Kind Favor (See that My Grave is Kept Clean)

Attributed to Blind Lemon Jefferson, recording of 1928

Performed as blues, gospel, folk, bluegrass

Covered by B.B. King, PP&M, Grateful Dead, Mavis Staples, Lou Reed, Bob Dylan, etc.

First verse sometimes sung as a chorus. Play slowly.

Am
There's one kind favor I ask of you
Am E
One kind favor I ask of you
Am Dm
One kind favor I ask of you
Am E Am
See that my grave is kept clean.

Dig my grave with a silver spade
Dig my grave with a silver spade
Dig my grave with a silver spade
Ease me down with a golden chain.

Have you ever heard a coffin sound?
Have you ever heard a coffin sound?
Have you ever heard a coffin sound?
It's another poor boy in the ground.

They say the streets are paved with gold
They say the streets are paved with gold
They say the streets are paved with gold
Lord, have mercy on my soul.

-----other verses-----

Well there's two white horses in a line
Carrying me to my burying ground.

Well there's three black coaches in the rain
Empty now from their heavy load.

Have you ever heard a church bell toll?
Then you'll know I'm dead and gone.

Goin' away, don't you want to go
Goin' to my home on the other shore.