

#transcribed by Christopher J. Hoover (choover@usd.edu)
#based on version of song with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on
#_Will the Circle Be Unbroken II_
{t:Grandpa Was A Carpenter}
{st:John Prine}
{c:Capo at 3rd fret (all chords relative)}

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

{soc}
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
{eoc}

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 T-V
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 ma-chine
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}