

# GREEN GROW THE LILACS

3/4

*Cowboys were not very lucky in love. They had little money and were often gone for long periods of time with the cattle. This cowboy still hopes to win his sweetheart back. This song was very popular with the American soldiers during the Mexican war and the story goes that the Mexicans hearing Green Grow over and over started calling the American soldiers **gringos**. A nice story, but not true. The earlier Scots version of this song is Green Grow the Laurels.*

This song uses all three chords in the key of C C - F - G7 and adds the seventh note on the C for a C7 chord. The F is hard also. You can play this song without the C7 until you are ready, then put it in.

**C**

**Green grow the lilacs all sparkling with dew**

**G7**

**I'm lonely my darling since parting from you**

**C**

**(C7)**

**F**

**But by our next meeting I hope to prove true**

**C**

**G7**

**C**

**And change the green lilacs for the red, white, and blue**

**C**

**I once had a sweetheart but now I have none**

**G7**

**Since she's gone and left me, I care for no one**

**C**

**(C7)**

**F**

**Since she's gone and left me, contented I'll be**

**C**

**G7**

**C**

**For she loves another far better than me**

**C**

**I passed my love's window both early and late**

**G7**

**The look that she gave me it made my heart ache**

**C**

**(C7)**

**F**

**The look that she gave me was painful to view**

**C**

**G7**

**C**

**Saying "I love another far better than you"**

**C**

**I sent my love letters all printed and clear**

**G7**

**I sent my love letters saying "I love my dear"**

**C**

**(C7)**

**F**

**She sent back my letters all wrapped up in twine**

**C**

**G7**

**C**

**Saying "You go with your love, and I'll go with mine"**

Prepared by A. Farley