

# Wagon Wheel

capo 2<sup>nd</sup> fret, 108 bpm

Words & Music by Bob Dylan and Ketch Secor of the Old Crow Medicine Show ©  
1973 and 2003 all rights reserved

*G* *D*  
Headed down south to the land of the pine;  
*Em* *C*  
And I'm thumbing my way into North Caroline.

*G*  
Startin' up the road,  
*D* *C*  
And pray to God I see headlights.

*G* *D*  
I made down the coast in seventeen hours.  
*Em* *C*  
Pickin' me a bouquet of dogwood flowers,

*G*  
And I'm hopin' for Raleigh;  
*D* *C*  
I can see my baby tonight.

## CHORUS

*G* *D*  
So, rock me mama like a wagon wheel;  
*Em* *C*  
Rock me mama anyway you feel.

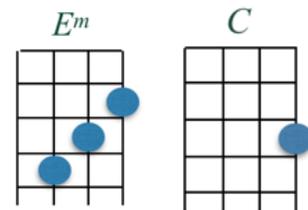
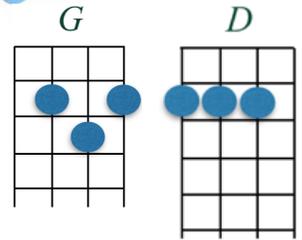
*G* *D* *C*  
Hey, mama rock me.

*G* *D*  
Rock me mama like the wind and the rain;  
*Em* *C*  
Rock me mama like a south-bound train.

*G* *D* *C*  
Hey, mama rock me.

*G* *D*  
Runnin' from the cold up in New England;

*Songs as you go*



*Em* *C*  
I was born to be a fiddler in an old-time string band.

*G*  
My baby plays the guitar;

*D* *C*  
I pick the banjo now.

*G* *D*  
Oh, the North country winters keep a gettin' me now;

*Em* *C*  
Lost my money playin' poker so I had to up and leave.

*G*  
But I ain't a turnin' back,  
*D* *C*  
To livin' that old life no more.

CHORUS

*G* *D*  
Walkin' to the south out of Roanoke,  
*Em* *C*  
Caught a trucker out of Philly, had a nice long toke;

*G* *D*  
But he's a headed west from the Cumberland Gap,  
*C*  
To Johnson City, Tennessee.

*G* *D*  
And I gotta get a move on fit for the sun.  
*Em* *C*  
I hear my baby callin' my name, and I know that she's the only one.

*G*  
And if I die in Raleigh,  
*D* *C*  
At least I will die free.

CHORUS

# History

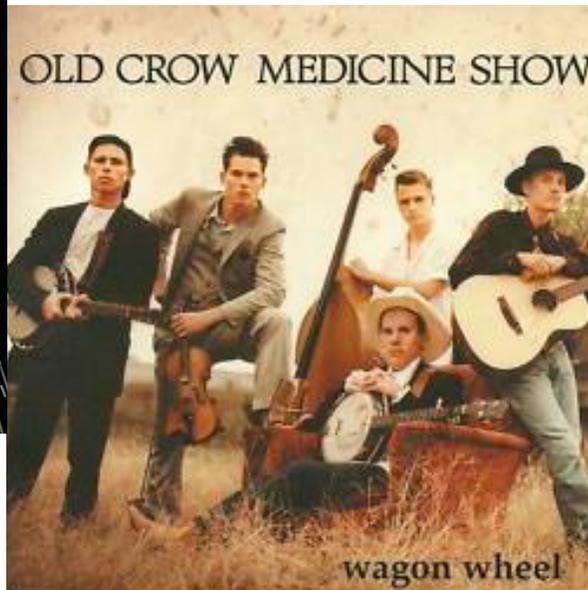
"Wagon Wheel" is a song co-written by Bob Dylan and Ketch Secor of Old Crow Medicine Show. Dylan recorded the chorus in 1973; Secor added verses 25 years later. Old Crow Medicine Show's final version was certified Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America in April 2013.

The song has been covered numerous times over the years.

"Wagon Wheel" is composed of two different parts. The chorus and melody for the song come from a demo recorded by Bob Dylan during the *Pat Garret and Billy the Kid* sessions in



Bob Dylan performing in Vitoria-Gasteiz, in Northern Spain, during the Azkena Rock Festival on June 26, 2010.



Ketch Secor on fiddle at benefit show for Our Community Place-Little Grill Collective in Harrisonburg, VA on January 14, 2012.

February 1973. Although never officially released, the Dylan song was released on a bootleg, usually named after the chorus and its refrain, "Rock Me Mama". Dylan left the song an unfinished sketch.

Ketch Secor of Old Crow Medicine Show wrote verses for the song around Dylan's original chorus (and melody):

So rock me mama like a wagon wheel;  
Rock me mama any way you feel.  
Hey, mama rock me.  
Rock me mama like the wind and the rain;  
Rock me mama like a south-bound train.  
Hey, mama rock me.

Wikipedia

*Songs as you go*