

# Knockin' on Heaven's Door

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INTRO: *G D Am7 G D C*  
Ooo, ooo, ooo. Ooo, ooo, ooo.

*G D Am7*  
Mama, take this badge off of me.

*G D C*  
I can't use it anymore.

*G D Am7*  
It's gettin' dark, too dark to see;

*G D C*  
I feel like I'm knockin' on heaven's door.

## CHORUS

*G D Am7*  
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door,

*G D C*  
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door,;

*G D Am7*  
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door,

*G D C*  
Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door.

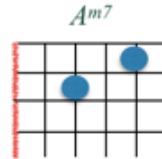
*G D Am7*  
Mama, put my guns in the ground.

*G D C*  
I can't shoot them anymore.

*G D Am7*  
That long black cloud is comin' down

*G D C*  
I feel like I'm knockin' on heaven's door.

CHORUS & ANOTHER OOH OR TWO



## *Scripture and History*

**James 4:13-15** Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”

**Luke 13: 24-29** And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

**"Knockin' on Heaven's Door"** is a song written and sung by Bob Dylan, for the soundtrack of the 1973 film *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid*. Released as a



single, it reached No. 12 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 singles chart. Described by Dylan biographer Clinton Heylin as "an exercise in splendid simplicity," the song, in terms of the number of other artists who have covered it, is one of Dylan's most popular post-1960s compositions.



Members of the Western Writers of America chose it as one of the Top 100 Western songs of all time.

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