

One On The Right Was On The Left - Johnny Cash - (2 pages)

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[G] There once was a musical troop a [C] pickin' singin'  
[G] folk group. They [C] sang the mountain [G] ballads and the  
folk songs of our songs of our [D7] land. They were [G] long on  
musical ability, folks [C] thought they would go [G] far, but  
[C] political incompatibili-[G]-ty [D7] /led to their down-[G]-fall

///Well, the [C] one on the right was [G] /on the left  
and the [D7] one in the middle was [G] /on the right.  
And the [C] one on the left was [G] /in the middle  
and the [D7] guy in the rear ///was a [G] Methodist.

///This musical aggregation [C] toured the entire [G] nation,  
[C] Singing traditional [G] ballads and the folks songs of our  
[D7] land. They per-[G]-formed with great virtuosity and  
[C] soon they were the [G] rage, but [C] political ani-[G]-mosity  
/pre-[D7]-vailed upon the [G] stage.

///Well, the [C] one on the right was [G] /on the left  
And the [D7] one in the middle was [G] /on the right.  
And the [C] one on the left was [G] /in the middle  
And the [D7] guy in the rear ///burned his driver's  
[G] license.

///When the curtain had ascended a [C] hush fell on the  
[G] crowd, as [C] thousands there were [G] gathered to hear the  
folk songs of our [D7] land. But they [G] took their politics  
seriously and that [C] night at the concert [G] hall, as the  
[C] audience watched deli-[G]-risously they [D7] had a free for  
[G] all.

Well, the [C] one on the right was [G] /on the bottom  
And the [D7] one in the middle was [G] /on the top.  
And the [C] one on the left got a [G] broken arm  
And the [D7] guy on his rear ///said "Oh [G] dear".

Now this should be a lesson, if you [C] plan to start a  
[G] folk group. [C] Don't go mixing [G] politics with the folk songs  
of our [D7] land. Just [G] work on harmony and diction  
[C] play your banjo [G] well. And if [C] you have political  
[G] convictions [D7] /keep 'em to [G] yourself.

Now the [C] one on the left, [G] /works in the bank  
And the [D7] one in the middle [G] /drives a truck  
The one [C] on the right is an [G] all night DJ  
///And the [D7] guy in the rear ///got [G] drafted.