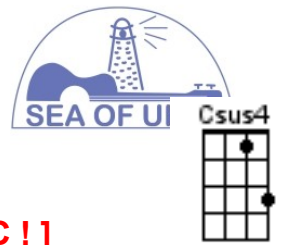


# Copperhead Road

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**Intro:** [C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !] [C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !]

Well [C] my name's John Lee [Csus4 //] Petti-[C //]-more [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
[C] Same as my daddy and his [Csus4 //] daddy be-[C //]-fore [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
You [C] hardly ever saw Grand-[Csus4 //]-daddy down [C //] here [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
He [C] only come to town about [Csus4 //] twice a [C //] year [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
He'd buy a [C] hundred pounds of yeast  
and some [Csus4 //] copper [C //] line [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
[C] Everybody knew that he [Csus4 //] made moon-[C //]-shine [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
Now the [F] revenue man wanted Granddaddy bad  
He [C] headed up the holler with everything he had  
It's be-[F]-fore my time but I've been told  
He [C !] never came back from Copperhead Road

[C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !] [C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !]

Now [C] Daddy ran the whiskey in a [Csus4 //] big black [C //] Dodge [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
[C] Bought it at an auction at the [Csus4 //] Mason's [C //] Lodge [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
[C] Johnson County Sheriff painted [Csus4 //] on the [C //] side [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
Just [C] shot a coat of a primer then he [Csus4 //] looked in-[C //]-side [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
Well [C] him and my uncle tore that [Csus4 //] engine [C //] down [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
I [C] still remember that [Csus4 //] rumblin' [C //] sound [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
Then the [F] sheriff came around in the middle of the night  
[C] Heard mama cryin', knew something wasn't right  
He was [F] headed down to Knoxville with the weekly load  
You could [C !] smell the whiskey burnin' down Copperhead Road

[C !^!^! slap] Hey! [C !^!^! slap] Hey! [C !^!^! slap] Hey! [C !^!^! slap] Hey!  
[C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !] [C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !]

**Instrumental:** Now the [F] revenue man wanted Granddaddy bad  
He [C] headed up the holler with everything he had  
It's be-[F]-fore my time but I've been told  
He [C] never came back from Copperhead Road

I volun-[C]-teered for the Army on [Csus4 //] my birth-[C //]-day [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
They draft the [C] white trash first, 'round [Csus4 //] here any-[C //]-way [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
I done [C] two tours of duty in [Csus4 //] Vi-et-[C //]-nam [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
And [C] I came home with a [Csus4 //] brand new [C //] plan [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
I take the [C] seed from Columbia and [Csus4 //] Mexi-[C //]-co [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
I just [C] plant it up the holler down [Csus4 //] Copperhead [C //] Road [C] [Csus4 ! C !]  
Now the [F] D.E.A.'s got a chopper in the air  
I [C] wake up screamin' like I'm back over there  
I [F] learned a thing or two from Charlie don't you know  
You [C !] better stay away from Copperhead Road

[C !^!^! slap] Hey! [C !^!^! slap] Hey! [C !^!^! slap] Hey! [C !^!^! slap] Hey!  
[C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !] [C // // //] [Csus4 ^!] [C !]