



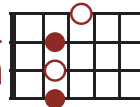
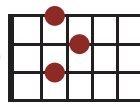
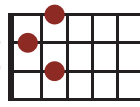
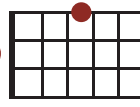
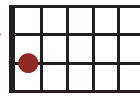
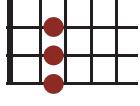
Hank Williams  
(1923-1953)

from Billie Jean Williams Horton

"Hank and I became engaged in Nashville, Tennessee.... This was early summer, 1952....Hank started telling me about his problems with his ex-wife, Audrey. He said that one day her "Cheatin' Heart" would pay. Then he said, "Hey, that'd make a good song! Get out my tablet Baby; ...me and you are gonna write us a song!" Just about as fast as I could write, Hank quoted the words to me in a matter of minutes....

...(from a letter to Dorothy Horstman, Jun 3, 1974)

Original recording: Castle Studio, Nashville, Tennessee, Sep 23, 1952

D7  G  G7  C  A7  D 

(D7) G → G7 C  
Your cheatin` heart will make you weep,  
D7 G  
You`ll cry and cry, and try to sleep  
G → G7 C  
But sleep won`t come the whole night through,  
D7 G  
Your cheatin` heart will tell on you

*Chorus*

(NC) C G  
When tears come down like fallin` rain,  
A7 D → D7  
You`ll toss around any call my name  
G C  
You`ll walk the floor the way I do,  
D G  
You`re cheatin` heart will tell on you.

(D7) G → G7 C  
Your cheatin` heart will pine some day,  
D7 G  
And crave the love you threw away  
G → G7 C  
The time will come when you`ll be blue,  
D7 G  
Your cheatin` heart will tell on you

*Repeat Chorus*