

# Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia

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*Am* *G* *Am* *D*  
He was on his way home from Candletop, Been two weeks gone and he thought he stop  
*Am* *E7* *Am* *Am*  
at Web's and have him a drink 'for he went home to her  
*Am* *G* *Am* *D*  
Andy Wo-Lo said hello ,he said 'Hi, what's a doing', Wo said  
*Am* *E7* *Am* *Am*  
sit down, I got some bad news that's gonna hurt.

Said **I'm** you best friend and you **know** that's right, But **your** young bride ain't **home** tonight  
**Since** you've been gone she's been **seeing** that Amos boy, **Seth**  
**He** got mad and **he** saw red, and **Andy** said, Boy, don't you **lose** your head  
Cause to **tell** you the truth, **I've** been with her **myself**

*F#m* *B7* *E* *C#m*  
That's the night that the lights went out in Georgia  
*F#m* *B7* *E* *C#m*  
That's the night that they hung an innocent man  
*F#m* *B7* *E* *C#m*  
Don't trust your soul to no backwoods Southern lawyer  
*F#m* *B7* *Em* *Em*  
Cause the judge in the town's got bloodstains on his hands

**Andy** got scared and he **left** the bar, **Walking** on home cause he **didn't** live far  
See, **Andy** didn't have many **friends** and he just lost him **one**  
**Brother** thought his **wife** must've left town, So **he** went home and **finally** found a  
**Metal** no answer man, made **in** the form of a **gun**

**He** went off to **Andy's** house, **Slipping** through the **woods** as quiet as a mouse  
**Come** upon some tracks too **small** for Andy to **make**  
He **looked** through the screen at **the** back porch door, **hHe** saw Andy **lying** on the floor,  
In a **puddle** of blood, **and** he started to **shake**.

*F#m7* *B7* *E* *C#m*  
The Georgia Patrol was making their rounds so he fired a shot just to flag them down  
*Fm#7* *B7* *E* *E*  
A big bellied sheriff grabbed his gun and said, "Why'd you do it?" Well the  
*Am* *G* *Am* *D*  
judge said "guilty" in a make-believe trial. Slapped the sheriff on the back with a smile,  
*Am* *E7G* *Am* *Am*  
said "supper's waitin' at home and' I gotta get to it

They **hung** my brother **before** I could say the **tracks** he saw while **on** this way  
to **Andy's** house and **back** that night were **mine**  
And his **cheatin'** wife had **never** left town, **That's** one body that'll **never** be found  
You see, **little** sister don't **miss** when she aims her **gun**