

Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree

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C^(½) *A**dim7*^(½) *Dm7* *D9* *G7*

C *C* *Em* *Em*
 I'm comin' home, I've done my time
Gm *A7* *Dm* *Dm*
 Now I've got to know what is and isn't mine
F *Fm* *C* *Am*
 If you received my letter tellin' you I'd soon be free
D7 *D7* *Fm6* *G7*
 Then you'll know just what to do if you still want me
Fm6 *Fm6* *G7* *G7*
 If you still want me

C *C* *Em* *Em*
 Tie a yellow ribbon round the ole oak tree
Gm *Gm* *A*^(½) *A7*^(½) *Dm*
 It's been three long years, do you still want me?
Dm *Fm* *C*^(½) *E*^(½) *Am*
 If I don't see a ribbon round the ole oak tree
C *C/G* *Am*^(½) *Am7*^(½) *A9*
 I'll stay on the bus, forget about us, put the blame on me
Dm7 *Fm6* *Dm9* *G7* *C* *C#dim7*^(½) *G7*^(½)
 If I don't see a yellow ribbon round the ole oak tree

Bus driver please look for me
 Cause I couldn't bear to see what I might see
 I'm really still in prison and my love she holds the key
 A simple yellow ribbon's what I need to set me free
 I wrote and told her please

Dm7 *Fm6* *C* *A9*
 Now the whole damn bus is cheerin' and I can't believe I see
Dm7 *Fm6* *Dm9* *G7*
 A hundred yellow ribbons 'round the ole oak
C^(½) *Em*^(½) *Gm*^(½) *A*^(½) *Dm*^(½) *D9*^(½) *G7*^(½) *C*
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