

IN MY NEXT LIFE

(MERLE HAGGARD)

Key of "C"

LEAD IN: C-F-G-C-G

C **F**
THE SUMMER SUN BEAT DOWN AND BAKED THE RED CLAY GROUND

G **C**
DUST KICKED UP AROUND HIS JOHN DEERE WHEELS

F
NO TRACE OF RAIN IN SIGHT AGAIN HE'LL LOSE THE FIGHT

G **C**
AND HAVE TO WATCH HIS CROPS DIE IN THE FIELDS.

THEY STOOD THERE BOTH IN TEARS, HIS WIFE OF MANY YEARS
SAID JOHN YOU KNOW I HATE TO LOSE OUR FARM
HE LOOKED INTO HER EYES, THEN LOOKED UP AT THE SKIES
AND TOLD HER AS HE HELD HER IN HIS ARMS

C **F**
IN MY NEXT LIFE I WANT TO BE YOUR HERO

G **hC**
SOMETHING BETTER THAN I TURNED OUT TO BE

G **F**
I LIVED THIS LIFE BEHIND A PLOW AND HARROW

G **C**
IN MY NEXT LIFE I'LL MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME

THE MUSCLES IN HIS ARMS JUST LIKE HIS RUN DOWN FARM
SOON WITHERED UP AND SLOWLY DISAPPEARED
ONE HARD WORKING MAN, TWO HARD WORKING HANDS
WERE GIVING UP AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

HIS AGING EYES GREW DIM AND THE LADY WHO WORSHIPED HIM
SAT CRYING IN A CHAIR BESIDE HIS BED
HER HANDS CARESSED HIS BROW, SHE SAID IT'S ALRIGHT NOW
AND AS HE SLOWLY SLIPPED AWAY HE SAID