

Ol' Pen

Bill Staines / Key: D (Capo 2, Play C) 4/4 T=156

V1 Ol' Pen was a friend of mine he used to sit down by the square,
He was kindof a local monument ya know, you'd always find him there,
He never caused anybody no trouble, town folks just passed him by,
Sometimes you'd hear him laughin' to himself, sometimes you'd see him cry

V2 Us kids we used to go to him and we'd listen to his songs,
Some of 'em were happy, some were just plain long,
He'd pick 'em out on this old guitar he won once when he was out at sea,
And I remember all the words that ol' Pen spoke to me

Cho: He said "Son, well listen to me, don't ya go tellin' no lies',
They just get you in deep trouble, and they follow you like flies,
Son watch where you're walkin', and don't be afraid to lose,
Put some memories in your travelin' bag and miles upon your shoes,
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V3 It's the miles that teach you 'bout the people and the differences in their ways,
Don't you walk so fast on down the road you forget to feel the summer days,
Yeah don't walk too fast and don't walk too slow and don't ever forget your name,
Never laugh at a man when he's down son, you may someday have to play his game

Repeat chorus

V4 Ol' Pen's place is empty now I guess he's long gone to his reward,
I can still recall the songs he sang I even know the chords,
So as I sit here by this roadside on my way to where I choose,
I've got his memory in my travelin' bag and miles on my shoes

Chorus

Ol' Pen chords:

Intro: C F C G C

Verse: C D/B Am Am/G F C
C D/B Am Am/G Dm G
Am Em F G C
C D/B Am Am/G F G

Chorus: Am F C C G C
C D/B Am Am/G Dm G
Am F C Em F
F C G C

Intro: D G D A D

Verse: D. E/C# Bm Bm/A G D
D E/C# Bm Bm/A Em A
Bm F#m G A D
D E/C# Bm Bm/A G A

Chorus: Bm G. D. D A D
D E/C# Bm Bm/A Em A
Bm. G. D F#m G
G D A D G D A D