

4 + 20

Words & Music:
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I originally learned this in the key of E, with standard tuning. But I recently discovered that it has its own tuning named for it. So, I have transposed this down to D. If you want to be fully accurate, use the "Four And Twenty" tuning of D A D D A D.

D
Four and 20 years ago, I come into this life.
D
The son of a woman and a man who lived in strife.
F G D
He was tired of being poor.
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And he wasn't into selling door-to-door.
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And he worked like the devil to be more.

A different kind of poverty now upsets me so.
Night after sleepless night, I walk the floor and want to know:
Why am I so alone?
Where is my woman? Can I bring her home?
Have I driven her away? Is she gone?

Morning comes a sunrise and I'm driven to my bed.
I see that it is empty and there's devils in my head.
I embrace the many-colored beast.
I grew weary of the torment -- can there be no peace?
And I find myself just wishing that my life would simply cease.

Chords: [can use straight barre - 5 chords are implied with no 3rd]

D = 0 0 0 0 0 0

F = 3 3 3 3 3 3

G = 5 5 5 5 5 5