

One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer

(George Thorogood & The Destroyers version)

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[spoken over slide guitar - tab below]

Wanna tell you a story about the house-man blues.
I come home one Friday, had to tell the landlady I'd-a lost my job.
She said, "That don't confront me, 'long as I get my money next Friday."
Now next Friday come I didn't get the rent and out the door I went.

So, I goes to the landlady, I said, "You let me slide?
I'll have the rent for you in a month, 'next, I don't know, let me slide it on."
You know, people, I notice when I come home in the evening,
She ain't got nothing nice to say to me.
But for five year she was so nice. Lord, she was lovey-dovey.

I come home one particular evening, the landlady said, "You got the rent money yet?"
I said, "No, can't find no job. Therefore I ain't got no money to pay the rent."
She said "I don't believe you're tryin' to find no job."
Said, "I seen you today you was standin' on a corner, leaning up against a post."
I said, "But I'm tired, I've been walkin' all day."
She said "That don't confront me, 'long as I get my money next Friday."
Now, next Friday come I didn't have the rent and out the door I went.

So, I go down the streets, down to my good friend's house.
I said "Look, man, I'm outdoors, you know. Can I stay with you maybe a couple days?"
He said "Let me go and ask my wife."
He come out of the house, I could see it in his face, I know that was "No."
He said "I don't know, man. Ah, she kinda funny, you know."
I said "I know, everybody funny. Now, you funny, too."

So, I go back home. I tell the landlady, "I got a job. I'm gonna pay the rent."
She said, "Yeah?" I said, "Oh, yeah."
And then she was so nice. Lord, she was lovey-dovey.
So, I go in my room, pack up my things and I go.
I slip on out the back door and down the streets I go.
She a-howlin' about the front rent, she'll be lucky to get any back rent.
She ain't gonna get none of it.

So, I stop in the local bar you know people,
I go to the bar, I ring my coat, I call the bartender
Said, "Look man, come down here." He got down there, "So, what you want?"

[sung]

One bourbon, one scotch, one beer.
Well, I ain't seen my baby since I don't know when.
I've been drinking bourbon, whiskey, scotch and gin.
Gonna get high man I'm gonna get loose, need me a triple shot of that juice.
Gonna get drunk don't you have no fear, I want one bourbon, one scotch and one beer.
One bourbon, one scotch, one beer.

[spoken:]

But I'm sitting now at the bar. I'm getting drunk, I'm feelin' mellow.
I'm drinkin' bourbon, I'm drinkin' scotch, I'm drinkin' beer.
Looked down the bar, here come the bartender.
I said "Look man, come down here." "So, what you want?"

[sung:]

One bourbon, one scotch, one beer.
No, I ain't seen my baby since the night before last.
Gotta get a drink, man, I'm gonna get gassed.
Gonna get high man I ain't had enough, need me a triple shot of that stuff.
Gonna get drunk, won't you listen right here?
I want one bourbon, one shot and one beer. One bourbon, one scotch, one beer.

[spoken:]

Now, by this time I'm plenty high.
You know when your mouth a-getting dry you're plenty high.
Looked down the bar I say to my bartender.
I said, "Look man, come down here", he got down there. "So what you want this time?"
I said "Look man, a-what time is it?"
He said "The clock on the wall say three o'clock
Last call for alcohol, so what you need?"

[sung:]

One bourbon, one scotch, one beer.
No, I ain't seen my baby since a nigh' and a week.
Gotta get drunk, man, 'til I can't even speak.
Gonna get high, man, listen to me,
One drink ain't enough; Jack, you better make it three.
I wanna get drunk, I'm gonna make it real clear.
I want one bourbon, one scotch and one beer.
One bourbon, one scotch, one beer.

I notice when i come home in the evening....

e	-----0-----0--0--0--
B	-----0-----0--0--0--
G	----2---0h1-----0h1-----1--1--1--
D	----2---2-----0h2-----0h2-----2-----
A	-----0h2-----2-----
E	--0-----0-----3^0-----0--0--

but for five years she was so nice.....

e	--0---0---0---0---0---0---0-----0~---0---0---0---	
B	--0---0---0---0---0---0---0-----0~---0---0---0---	
G	--1---1---1---1---1---1---1-----0h1-----1~---1---1---1---	o
D	-----2-----0h2-----	o
A	-----	
E	-----0---0---0---0---0---0---0-----	

the rent yet? I said no, cant find no job....

e	--0---0---0---0---0---0---0-----0---0-----
B	--0---1---0---0---0---0---0-----0---0-----
G	--1---1---1---1---1---1---1-----1---1---0h1---
D	-----0---2-----2-----2-----
A	-----2-----
E	-----0-----

you're trying to find no job.....-

e	--0---0---0---0-----0---0---0---0---
B	--0---0---0---0-----0---0---0---0---
G	--1---1---1---1-----2p0-----1---1---1---1---
D	-----0h2-----2p0-----
A	-----
E	--0---0---0---0---0-----0---0---0---0---

trill

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e	-----0---0---0---0--- -----
B	-----0---0---0---0--- -----
G	-----1---1---1---1--- -----0h1-----
D	----0-----2---2----- -----2---2---
A	--2----- -----
E	-----0---0---0---0---0--- -----0-----

e	---0-----
B	---0-----/3---3---3---3---3---3---
G	--1-----/4---4---4---4---4---4---4---4---2p0-----0h1---
D	-----0-----2-----2-----2-----0-----0h2-----
A	-----2-----0h2-----
E	--0-----0-----3^0-----

e	-0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0---
B	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----
G	-----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----1-----0p1-----1-----
D	-----2-----2-----2-----
A	--2-----
E	-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----

can i stay with you maybe a couple of days?

e	---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---
B	---0---0---0---0---0---2---3---3---3---0---
G	---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---
D	-----
A	-----
E	---0---0---0---0---

He said uh let me go ask my wife

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e |---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---|
B |---2---3---3---0---0---0---0---0---0---2---3---3---0---|
G |---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---|
D |-----|
A |-----|
E |-----|

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interchange between these chords for this part of verse

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e | -0-- | -0-- | -0-- |
B | -3-- | -2-- | -0-- |
G | -1-- | -1-- | -1-- |
D | ---- | ---- | ---- |
A | ---- | ---- | ---- |
E | ---- | ---- | ---- |

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e |---0-----0-----0-----|
B |---0-----0-----0-----5-5-5-5-5-5-----0-----|
G |---1---0h1---1---1---7-7-7-7-7-7-----1-----|
D |-----6-6-6-6-6-6-----2-----|
A |-----2-----|
E |-----x-x-x-----|

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e |-----0-0-0-----0-0-----|
B |-----0-0-0-----0-0-----|
G |-----0h1-----1-----|
D |-----2-2-----2-2-----|
A |-----0-2-----2-----|
E |---0---0---0-----0---0---0---0---0-----0---|
pm.....

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e |---0---0---0---|-----0-----|
B |---0---0---0---|-----0-----0-----0-----|
G |---1---1---1---|-----1-----0-----0-----|
D |-----|-----2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-|
A |-----|-----|
E |---0---0---0---|---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---|
pm . . . . .

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I slip out the back door.....

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e |-----0---0---0---0-----0-----|
B |-----0---0---0---0---/3---3-----0h1-----|
G |-----1---1---1---1---/4-----2p0-----|
D |---2-----2-0h2-----0h2-----2-----|
A |-----oh2-----|
E |-----3^0-----2-----|

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e |---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---|-----0---0-----|
B |---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---|-----0---0-----|
G |---1---1---1---1---1---1---1---2p0-----|-----1---1---0---1---|
D |-----0h2Trill-(2)-|-----2-2-----|
A |-----|-----|
E |---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---|---0---0-----|
pm . . . . .

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Chorus: One Bourbon, one scotch, and one beer.....

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e |-----0---0---0-----2-2-2-2-2-2p0-----0-0-2-2-2-|
B |-----0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---0---3-2-1-0-0-0-0-0-|
G |-----|-----|
D |---2-----0-----|
A |-----2-----|
E |-----0-----|

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e |-----0~-----|
 B |-----0~-----|
 G |-----0h1-----|
 D |--x--0---2---x-2---2---2---2---0---2---|
 A |-----2-----2-----|
 E |-----0-----|

fear. I want one bourbon, one scotch, one beer.

e |-----0-----0-----|
 B |-----0---3---3---0---|
 G |-----|
 D |--0h2---0h2---0h2---0h2---0h2---0h2---0h2---2---|
 A |-----2---|
 E |-----0-----|

e |--2---2---2---2---2---2p0-----0-----2---2---2---|
 B |--0---0---0---0---0-----3---2---1---0---0---0---0---0---|
 G |-----|
 D |-----0-----2-----|
 A |-----|
 E |-----0-----|

e |-----0---0-----|
 B |-----0---0-----|
 G |-----|
 D |-0---2-----0h2---0---2---0-----2---|
 A |-----2---0-----2h4-----|
 E |-----3^---0-----|

e |-0-----0-----trill-----0---|
 B |-0-----0-----0h1-----0---|
 G |-1-----/4---4---2p0-2-0-2h4-2p0-----|
 D |-----2-----2-----0h2-----|
 A |-----2-----trill-----|
 E |----- (0) -----|

I'm drinkin a beer. Looked down the bar

e |--0---0-----|
 B |--0---0-----|
 G |-----0h1-----2p0-2-0-/4-4-2p0-2-0-2/7\2---|
 D |-----2---2---2---2---2---2---|
 A |-----2-----|
 E |-----|

e |--0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----|
 B |--0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----0---|
 G |-----|
 D |-----2-----2---0h2-2-0-2-0-2^-----2---2---|
 A |-----2-----|
 E |-----0-----|

e |-----2---2---2---2-----0-0---2---2---2-----|
 B |-----0---0---0---0---3---2---1---0---0---0---0---0---|
 G |-----|
 D |-----0---2---|
 A |--2---2-----2-----|
 E |-----0-----0-----|

e |-0-----|
 B |-0-----|
 G |-----2p0-----oh1-----|
 D |-----2-----0h2p0-----2---2---0---0h2-0h2-0h2-0h2-0h2---|
 A |-----2-----|
 E |-----0-----|

Solo:

e | --0--0--2--2--0--0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-----
B | --0--0--0--0--0--0--/5-5-5-5-5-5-5-5-3-0-----
G | -----2p0-2-2p0-----0-2p0-----
D | -----2-2-2-----
A | -----
E | -----

e | -----0--0--0--0--0--0--0--0--/10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-----
B | -3/5-----x-5--5--5--5--5--5--/12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-----
G | -----
D | -----x-----
A | -----
E | -----

e | -----
B | -8--8--8--8-----8--8--8--8--8--8--10^--10^--10^--10^--10^--10-
G | -9--9--9--9--9--/9--9--9--9--9--9-----
D | -7--7--7--7--7--/7--7--7--7-----
A | -0--0--0--0-----/0--0--0--0-----
E | -----

e | -----0-----
B | -8--10p8-----8h10-10-10/12-12-12-12-12\--/5--3p0-0-----
G | -----9--9-----2p0-----
D | -----2-2-2-2-----
A | -----
E | -----

e | -----7^-----0-----0-----
B | -----8^-----0-----
G | --0-2--2--2--2-2p0-----
D | -----2--2-----0--2-----2-----
A | -----0--1--2--/-
E | -----7\0-----

e | -x-x-x--7-7-7-7-7-7-7--7--7--7-7\
B | -x-x-x--8-8-8-8-8-8-8--8--8--8-8\
G | -----0h1-----
D | -----0-----2-----0-----x-----
A | -----0h2-----
E | -----0-----3--0-----

e | -0~--0-0-----0-0-----0-----
B | -----0-0--/3-----0-0-----0-----
G | -----/4--2--0--/4--2p0-----
D | -----2-----2-----
A | -----2-----
E | -----0-----

e | -----3-----0-----
B | --3--3-----3-----3-----3-----5\--0--3--3--3--3--3-
G | -4--4--4--4--4-----4-----4-----4--4--4--4--4--4-
D | -----
A | -----
E | -----

e | -----
B | --3--5\
G | -4-----0h9-----0h9-----9-----8h10p8-10^--10p8-----9\
D | -----trill-----trill-----
A | -----
E | -----

scratch my back, baby....

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e | -0-----0-----15-----|
B | -0-----0-----12--12--12-12-12-12--12-12-14--12-12-12-12-12-12-12-|
G | -----|
D | -----|
A | -----|
E | -----|
pm .....

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e | -14-----15--14-----14^-----14^|
B | ----12-12--12--12-12-12-12-12-14----12-12--12----12-12-12-12----|
G | -----12-12-12----|
D | -----|
A | -----|
E | -----|
pm.....

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e | -----14^-----0-----|
B | -12-12-12--12-12-12-12-----0-----|
G | -----12-----|
D | -----0-----2-----2--0-----2-0-----|
A | -----0-----2-----2--0--2--2-----2--2-----|
E | -----0-----|
pm.....

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e | -----0-0-----|
B | -----0-----|
G | -----0h1-----7----7----7----7\-----7--7--|
D | -----0----0h2-----6----6----6----6\--x-x-x-x-x-x--6--6--|
A | -0h2-----7--7--7----7--7--7\--x-x-x-x-x-x-7--7--|
E | -----3-----0-0-0-----0-0-0-----|

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e | -----0-----|
B | -5-5-5-5--|-----0-----3--3-3-3-3-3-0-2-----|
G | -7-7-7-7--|-----1--1-1-1-1-1-1-2-0h1-----|
D | -6-6-6-6--|-----0--2--2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-----2-----|
A | -7-7-7-7--|-/7--7-5-----2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2-----0h2--|
E | -----7-6-5^0--0-----|

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e | -----0-0-0-0-----0-0-----|
B | -----0-0-0-----3-3h5--5\--0-0-----|
G | -----0h1-----4-----|
D | -0-----0-----|
A | -----5--5h7--7/-----|
E | --3-0-----7--7-----|

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e | -----0-----0-----|
B | -----0-----12-----0-----|
G | -----2-0h1-----14-14^h12-----|
D | --0h2-0h2--0h2-----2-----2-----2--0-2-2\--14-----|
A | -----|
E | -----0-----|

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e | -----0-----0-----|
B | -----0-----0-----|
G | -----7--7-7--7-----7--7-----|
D | -2-----2-----2-----6--6-6--6-----6--6-----|
A | -2-----2-----2-----7-----7-----|
E | -----0-----0-----x-----x-----x-x-x-x-x-x-xx-----|

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