The Bible And A Belt
Tab Chords And Lyrics
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Drop D tuning (optional)
Intro – D

D                      G
They were both made of leather - Both black and fraid and worn
D                      A7sus       A7
I was brought up to respect them - Since the day that I was born
D                      G
One came here from England‘ - It’s been handed down for years
Bm                   A             G    A7    D
The other one was ordered from - A catalogue at Sears

G
One my mama read to me til I was well into my teens
D                      A7sus       A7
And I thought all the other one was for - Was to hold up daddy’s jeans
D                      G
Till I told a lie and learned it had - another purpose too
Bm                   A             G    A7    D
And out behind the shed my daddy said - this will hurt me more than you?

G                      D
‘Cause one had my daddy’s name on it - The other said King James
A7                      D
With love they taught us lessons - But we feared them both the same
G                      D        G
One led us to heaven - And the other left a welt
Bm                     A7        G    A7    D
But those were the days when kids were raised - With a bible and a belt

G
I remember when I was twelve - I stole a dime store comic book
D                      A7sus       A7
And how mama read what the scripture said - To take back what I took
D                      G
When I refused my daddy grabbed my arm and said “come on”
I needed more he knew than just Matthew - Mark, Luke and John

Sometimes it made me cry - Sometimes it made me frightened mad
I wish I’ve been raised without them - Like some other children had
But now I’m grown with kids of my own - And I know just how they felt
You know it seems to me that what the world still needs is a bible and a belt

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