

# And When I Die

Words & Music:  
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CHORUS:

A D E A  
And when I die, and when I'm dead, dead, and gone  
D E A D E A  
There'll be one child born in a world to carry on.  
D E A E A D A D  
There'll be one child born to carry on.

A D A D A D A  
I'm not scared a-dyin' and I don't really care,  
D E A D A  
If it's peace you find in dyin', well then let the time be near.  
A D D A E  
If it's peace you find in dyin', when dyin' time is here,  
A E A D A D A D A D  
Just bundle up my coffin for it's cold way down there.

CHORUS:

My troubles are many, there as deep as a well  
I can swear there ain't no heaven, but I pray there ain't no hell.  
Swear there ain't no heaven, pray there ain't no hell,  
But I'll never know by livin', only my dyin' will tell.

CHORUS:

Give me my freedom, for as long as I'd be,  
All I ask of livin' is to have no chains on me.  
All I ask of livin' is to have no chains on me,  
And all I ask of dyin' is to go naturally.

CHORUS:

A E A  
...Comin' as I go,  
D A D A D A D A D  
There'll be one child born to carry on.