And When I Die

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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
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.