Gallows Pole

Words & Music: Led Zeppelin

basic riff for first half of song is: A Am7 D11

[riff 2x7]

Hangman, hangman, hold it a little while.

[riff] G D [to riff 2x]

I think I see my friends coming, riding many a mile.

Friends, did you get some silver, did you get a little gold? What did you bring me, my dear friends to keep me from the gallows pole? What did you bring me to keep me from the gallows pole?

I couldn't get no silver, I couldn't get no gold. You know that we're too damn poor to keep you from the gallows pole.

A DG DADG

Hangman, hangman, hold it a little while.

I think I see my brother coming, riding many a mile.

G A G A

Brother, did you get me some silver? Did you get a little gold?

GAGA GAGA [etc.]

What did you bring me, my brother, to keep me from the gallows pole?

Brother, I brought you some silver, I brought a little gold. I brought a little of everything to keep you from the gallows pole. Yes, I brought you to keep you from the gallows pole.

Hangman, hangman, turn your head awhile.

I think I see my sister coming, riding many a mile.

Sister, I implore you, take him by the hand.

Take him to some shady bower, save me from the wrath of this man.

Please take him, save me from the wrath of this man, man.

Hangman, hangman, upon your face a smile.

Pray tell me that I'm free to ride, ride for many a mile.

Oh, yes, you got a fine sister, she warmed my blood from cold. She warmed my blood to boiling hot to keep you from the gallows pole.

Your brother brought me silver, and your sister warmed my soul.

But now I laugh and pull so hard and see you swinging on the gallows pole.

But now I laugh and pull so hard and see you swinging on the gallows pole.

Swinging on the gallows pole. Swinging on the gallows pole.

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