Nebraska

Words & Music: Bruce Springsteen

If you haven't heard Bruce's "Nebraska" album, go find it. It is just Bruce, his acoustic guitar and a 4-track travelling the country during his famous "down time" (the lawsuit early in his career). The circumstances led to the sparse & down tenor of the album. This song was originally in G#. To match that key, capo 1. Other people have transposed it into A.

GCGCIFCGC I saw her standin' on her front lawn, just twirlin' her baton. Me and her went for a ride, sir, and ten innocent people died. From the town of Lincoln, Nebraska, with a sawed-off .410 on my lap, Through to the badlands of Wyoming, I killed everything in my path. I can't say that I'm sorry for the things that we done. At least for a little while, sir, me and her, we had us some fun. Now, the jury brought in a guilty verdict. And the judge, he sentenced me to death. Midnight in a prison storeroom with leather straps across my chest. Sheriff, when the man pulls that switch, sir, & snaps my poor head back. You make sure my pretty baby is sittin' right there on my lap. INSTRUMENTAL (HARMONICA) OVER: G C [vamp] They declared me unfit to live; said into that great void my soul be hurled. They wanted to know why I did what I did. Well, sir, I guess there's just a meanness in this world. OUTRO: HARMONICA OVER: G C G C I F C G C