

Deep Blue Sea

Words & Music:
Traditional

There are other variations to the chords & how to play this. I've given two chord variations above the first verse. Mix 'n' match & add solos as you will. Grizzly Bear has a particularly nice version of this song which is tabbed below.

CHORUS:

G C G C G
G C G
Deep blue sea, baby, deep blue sea.

G C G Am D
G D7
Deep blue sea, baby, deep blue sea

G C G C G
G C G
Deep blue sea, baby, deep blue sea.

G C G D G
D G D G C D G
It was Willie what got drowned in the deep blue sea

Dig his grave with a silver spade. [3x]
It was Willie what got drowned in the deep blue sea

CHORUS:

Lower him down with a golden chain. [3x]
It was Willie what got drowned in the deep blue sea

CHORUS:

Golden sun bring him back to me. [3x]
It was Willie what got drowned in the deep blue sea

CHORUS:

Grizzly Bear's version by Haida:

Chords:

First and last verses:

E1 = 0 2 6 x x x Am/E = 0 3 7 x x x

A6¹ = 5 4 4 x x x B6¹ = 7 6 6 x x x

From the last "sea" of the first verse until the last "aaaah" of third verse (which I have indicated with three exclamation marks) pick these instead:

E2 = 0 2 x 1 0 4 Am(add2) = 0 3 x 2 0 5

A6² = x 0 4 2 2 2 B6² = x 2 4 4 4 4

Intro: E1

E1 Am/E E A6 E
Deep blue sea, darlin', oh, deep, deep blue sea.

E1 Am/E E A6 E
Deep blue sea, darlin', oh, deep, deep blue sea.

A6¹ E A6¹ E A6¹ B6¹ A6²
And it was mama---- that got drowneded--- out in that deep blue sea.

B6² A6² E2
Aaaaah-aaaah-aaaah...

E2 Am(add2) E2 A6² E
Dig his----- grave, darlin', with a sil-, silver spade.

E2 Am(add2) E2 A6² E
Dig his----- grave, darlin', with a sil-, silver spade.

A6¹ E A6¹ E A6¹ B6¹ A6²
And it was brother-- that got drowneded--- out in that deep blue sea.

B6² A6² E2
Aaaaah-aaaah-aaaah...

[same as previous verse]

Drop him down, darlin', with a golden chain.

Drop him down, darlin', with a golden chain.

And it was daddy that got drowneded out in the deep blue sea.

Aaaaah-aaaah-aaaah...

WHISTLE OVER FIRST HALF-VERSE:

And it was mamma that got drowned in

A6² E A6² E A6² B6² A6¹

And it was mama---- that got drowneded--- out in that deep blue sea.

B6¹ A6¹ E2
Aaaaah-aaaah-aaaah...