

The Gallows Pole Derived from Child Ballad 95

Am
Hangman, hangman slack your rope,
Slack it for a while.

A7 D7
Think I see my father comin',
F7 Am
Ridin' many a mile.

Papa, did you bring me silver ?
Papa, did you bring me gold ?
Did you come to see me hangin'
By the gallows pole ?

Well, I couldn't bring no silver,
I didn't bring no gold.
I come to see you hangin'
By the gallows pole.

Hangman, hangman, slack your rope,
Slack it for a while,
Think I see my mother comin',
Ridin' many a mile, etc.

Hangman, hangman, slack your rope,
Slack it for a while,
Think I see my sweetheart comin',
Ridin' many a mile.

Honey, did you bring me silver?
Honey, did you bring me gold ?
Did you come to see me hangin'
By the gallows pole ?

I brought you silver,
Brought you a little gold,
Didn't come to see you hangin'
By the gallows pole.