

# Hank Snow, The Governor's Hand

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[C] The Warden made a comment  
That the Governor sure does write a pretty [D] hand  
As he [G] handed me the paper  
That has given me my freedom, once a-[C] gain  
The Governor said I'm sorry  
That new evidence came seven years too [D] late  
Go [G] home and start your life again  
Revenge will only fill your heart with [C] hate.

As the train pulls into the station  
I can see Peggy waiting there for me  
But I can tell there's something wrong  
She's not the happy girl she used to be  
Peggy hasn't said much  
As she drives along the road back to our farm  
And she ignored the question  
When I asked her where she got this pretty car.

As she pulled into the driveway  
I can see she's planted flowers all around  
I'm surprised to see good paint  
I thought the place would surely be run down  
I said Peggy you've done wonders  
And I wonder how you've done it on your own  
She said I had to hire a hand  
I never could have run this farm alone.

CHANGE TO D:

[D] Then Peggy started cryin' and she said  
There's something that you have to [E] see  
There's a [A] little boy inside  
And you should know that he is only [D] three  
We went inside and Peggy said  
I'm sorry but there's nothing I can [E] do  
But if [A] you'll let us stay here  
I'll try my best to make it up to [D] you.

The little boy looked frightened  
At the thin man who has come in from the cold  
He hides behind his mother's skirt  
As she bends down to wipe his little nose  
I said Peggy, I still love you  
And I'll do my best to try to understand  
For God has pardoned both of us  
And don't the Governor write a pretty hand?

Then [A] Peggy dried her tears when I said  
Don't the Governor write a pretty [D] hand?