

# TOM PAINE'S BONES

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D                          A  
As I roved out one evening,  
Bm                        G  
by a river of discontent.

D                          A  
I bumped straight into old Tom Paine  
Bm                        G  
as running down the road he went.

He said, "I can't stop right now child,  
King George is after me.  
He'd have a rope around my throat  
and hang me on the Liberty Tree."

I will dance to Tom Paine's bones,  
dance to Tom Paine's bones,  
Dance in the oldest boots I own  
to the rhythm of Tom Paine's bones.

Tune

I only talked about freedom,  
And justice for everyone.  
But since the very first word I spoke  
I've been looking down the barrel of a gun.

And they say I preached revolution,  
let me say in my defence  
That all I did wherever I went  
was to talk a lot of common sense.

Chorus - Tune

Old Tom Paine, he ran so fast,  
 he left me standing still.  
 And there I was, a piece of paper in my hand,  
 standing at the top of the hill.

And it said, "This is the Age of Reason.  
 These are the Rights of Man.  
 Kick off religion and monarchy,"  
 it was written there in Tom Paine's plan.

Chorus – Tune - Chorus\*

Old Tom Paine, there he lies  
 nobody laughs and nobody cries.  
 Where he's gone or how he fares  
 nobody knows—and nobody cares.

Chorus\* – Chorus\* - Tune

Chorus\* = With Stabs

The musical score is written for guitar in D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures with chords D, A, Bm, G, D, A, Bm, G. The second system has four measures with chords D, A, Bm, G, D, A, Bm, G. Each system includes a treble clef staff with notes and a guitar tablature staff with fret numbers.

System 1:  
 Measure 1: D (0 0 2 4 2 2 4 0)  
 Measure 2: A (5 5 2 0 5 2 2 0)  
 Measure 3: Bm (4 4 2 0 2 6 0 2)  
 Measure 4: G (4 4 2 0 4 0 0 4)

System 2:  
 Measure 5: D (2 2 4 0 2 2 4 0)  
 Measure 6: A (2 2 0 4 5 5 0 2)  
 Measure 7: Bm (4 4 2 0 2 6 0 2)  
 Measure 8: G (4 4 2 0 4)