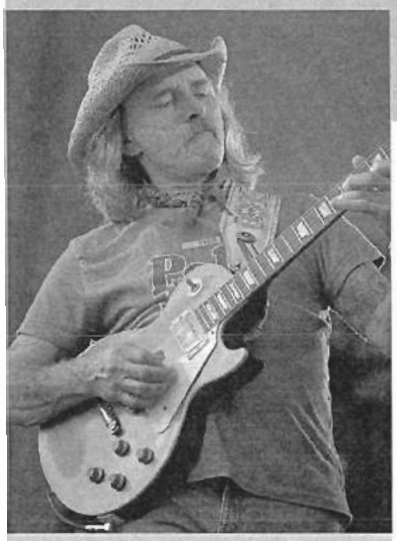
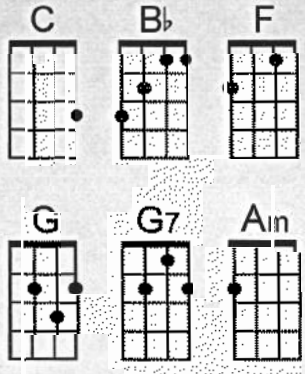
Ramblin' Man

by Dickey Betts



This Southen rock classic is based on a 1951 song of the same name by Hank Williams. The Allman Brothers Band's first and only top ten single, the tune was penned and sung by Dickey Betts and features his lead guitar work. The chorus is perhaps the catchiest and prettiest hook in all of Southern rock.



CHORUS:

C Bb C
Lord. I was born a ramblin' ma-an.
C F G G7
Trying to make a living and doing the best I can.
F C Am F
When it's time for leaving. I hope you'll understand.
C G C
That I was born a rambling man.

C F C
My father was a gambler down in Georgia.
C F G G7
He wound up on the wrong end of a gun.
F C Am F
And I was born in the back seat of a. Greyhound bus.
C G C
Rolling down highway forty-one.

CHORUS

C F C
I'm on my way to New Orleans this morning.
C F G G7
Leaving out of Nashville. Tennessee.
F C Am F
They're always having a good time down on the Bayou. Lord.
C (fellas) G C
Them Delta women think the world of me.

CHORUS

END (Repeat 3x):

C Bb C
Lord. I was born a ramblin' man.