

Chicken In Black

From:

CHICKEN IN BLACK

Recorded by Johnny Cash

Recorded in Key of A w/change to Bb

CAPO: 5th FRET/KEY: A/PLAY: E: E/A/B7

INTRO: E/A/B7/E

E

For two long years my head hurt bad

A

So a doctor checked me an he shook his head

B7

He said I'm sorry to tell you

E

But your body's outlived your brain

He said I know this doctor in New York, son

A

And he'll fix you right up with a brand new one

B7

So the head doctor met me

E

When I stepped down off of the train.

E

He said we had this bank robber killed last night

A

His body's shot but his brain's alright

B7

I'll give you a transplant, boy

E

And you'll be OK

I got my new brain in and I was feelin' great

A

I went right back to Nashville with no headache

B7

But something strange happened

E

When I walked in the bank one day.

CHORUS

A

I said stick 'em up ever'body I'm robbin' this place

E
Drop all of your money in my guitar case
A B7
Don't nobody move and don't nobody reach for that door
E
A lady said, why you're Johnny Cash
A
I said no ma'am, I'm the Manhattan Flash
B7 E
And I am the best bank robber in New York.

E
Now the other night Roy Acuff called me
A
He said John I'd like for you to do the Opry
B7 E
So I went out on the stage, but I couldn't sing
I got into a half a verse of 'I Walk The Line'
A
And something snapped in this head of mine
B7
I yelled stick 'em up -
E
Give me your money, your watches and rings.

Change to F: F/Bb/C7

F
Well, I called New York and talked to that brain quack
Bb
And said Doc I gotta have my old brain back
C7 F
He said I'm sorry there, Mr. Cash, but I can't do that
He said I put your brain in a chicken last monday
Bb
He's singing your songs and makin' lots of money
C7 F
And I got him signed to a ten-year recording contract.

F
Now friends if you see me walkin' down the street
Bb
Remember what you see ain't necessarily me
C7 F
And if I try to hold you up, don't pay me no mind
But when you got ten bucks that you can blow
Bb
You oughta catch that Johnny Chicken show
C7

He's doin' fairs and concert dates

F

All up and down the line.

Bb

I said stick 'em up ever'body I'm robbin' this place

F

Drop all of your money in my guitar case

Bb

C7

Don't nobody move and don't nobody reach for that door

F

A lady said, why you're Johnny Cash

Bb

I said no ma'am, I'm the Manhattan Flash

C7

F

And I am the best bank robber in New York.

TAG: TALK:

Well, I don't pay any income tax...

You don't pay tax on money you steal...

You oughta catch that Johnny Chicken show...

Chicken In Black! hmmmmmmmm!