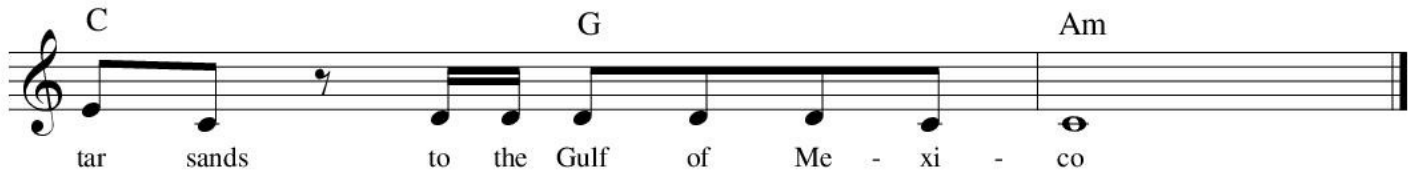


# Pipeline

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ne - ver be an ac - ci - dent we can do this care - ful - ly But the sands shift the ice melts dis -  
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The tar sands lie in the north beneath Alberta's ground  
 As the price of oil rises and the oil men have found  
 Now there's profit to be made in a madman's dream  
 By drilling deep beneath the Earth, blasting it with steam  
 Bulldozing the land, melting what's inside  
 A record of extinction a thousand miles wide  
 But laying waste to the northern plains is evidently not enough  
 The capitalists need markets where they can sell this toxic stuff  
 So across the farms and prairies the oil now must flow  
 A pipeline from the Tar Sands to the Gulf of Mexico

Governors oppose it and every native band  
 Ranchers don't want it passing through their land  
 Union leaders have denounced it as have the rank and file  
 The President delayed it for just a little while  
 They say you can't stop progress, I hope that isn't true  
 'Cause if we mine the tar sands, if we let the pipeline through  
 It will be a pipeline to oblivion, a pipeline to the end  
 A pipeline to a future with nothing round the bend  
 A pipeline to a future that I hope we'll never know  
 A pipeline from the Tar Sands to the Gulf of Mexico