

Ely Joe

"Whenever Kindness Fails"

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(Robert Earl Keen, Jr.)

Capo 3rd Frat !

Intro: D Bm D Bm

Verse 1:

D Bm

Crossed the desert in a dining car

D Bm

In the spring of '91

D Bm

Met some people drinkin' at the bar,

A

They were laughin', havin' fun

Told 'em that I hadn't heard the joke

That was so hilarious

They said that I was just a dumb cowpoke

I didn't want to make a fuss

Chorus:

G A

So I shot them down, one by one

D G

And left them 'long the rails

D

I only use my gun

A Bm

Whenever kindness fails

Verse 2:

Moon was in the sign of Scorpio

The sun was at my back

I didn't know how far the train would go

Till the law would find my track

Saw the brakeman and the engineer

Drinking wine and eating brie

I asked them who would brake and who would steer
They started pointing back at me

Chorus

Solo: Repeat chords in chorus

Verse 3:

I only have a momment to explain
Just a chance to let you know
When it's time to board that train
There are 2 ways you can go.

You can ride the wind into the sun
Feel a cool wind on your face
Or you can laugh into a loaded gun
And you'll likely lose your place

Chorus:
Yeah I shot them down, one by one
And left them 'long the rails
I only use my gun
Whenever kindness fails

I shot them down, one by one
And left them 'long the rails
When I use my gun
That lonesome whistle wails

Outro: D Bm (repeat)

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