

Don't Take Your Guns To Town

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A **[Bb]** young cowboy named Billy Joe grew **[F]** restless on the **[Bb]** farm,
A boy filled with wanderlust who **[F]** really meant no **[Bb]** harm.
He **[Eb]** changed his clothes and shined his boots and combed his dark hair
down.

And his **[Bb]** mother cried as he walked out,

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town, son.

[Eb] Leave your guns at [Bb] home, Bill. [Bb]

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town. [Bb]

He **[Bb]** laughed and kissed his mom and said, "your **[F]** Billy Joe's a **[Bb]**
man.

I can shoot as quick and straight as **[F]** anybody **[Bb]** can

But I **[Eb]** wouldn't shoot without a cause, I'd gun nobody down."

But she **[Bb]** cried again as he rode away,

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town, son.

[Eb] Leave your guns at [Bb] home, Bill. [Bb]

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town. [Bb]

[Bb] He sang a song as on he rode his **[F]** guns hung at his **[Bb]** hips

He rode into a cattle town a **[F]** smile upon his **[Bb]** lips

He **[Eb]** stopped and walked into a bar and laid his money down

But his **[Bb]** mother's words echoed again

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town, son.

[Eb] Leave your guns at [Bb] home, Bill. [Bb]

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town. [Bb]

He drank his first strong liquor then to **[F]** calm his shaking **[Bb]** hand

And tried to tell himself at last he **[F]** had become a **[Bb]** man

A **[Eb]** dusty cowpoke at his side began to laugh him down

And he **[Bb]** heard again his mother's words

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town, son.

[Eb] Leave your guns at [Bb] home, Bill. [Bb]

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town. [Bb]

Filled was raged the Billy Joe reached **[F]** for his gun to **[Bb]** draw

But the stranger drew his gun and fired be- **[F]** fore he even **[Bb]** saw

As **[Eb]** Billy Joe fell to the floor the crowd all gathered around

And **[Bb]** wondered at his final words

Don't [Eb] take your guns to [Bb] town, son.

[Eb] Leave your guns at [Bb] home, Bill. [Bb]

Don't [Eb] take your guns to Bb town.

