

# The One On The Right Is On The Left

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There [D] once was a musical [D7] troupe a [G] pickin' singin' [D] folk group  
They [G] sang the mountain [D] ballads and the [C] folk songs of our [A] land  
[A7]

They were [D] long on musical [D7] ability [G] folks thought they would go [D]  
far

But [G] political incompati- [D] bility [A] led to their down- [D] fall

Well the [G] one on the right was [D] on the left  
And the [A] one in the middle was [D] on the right  
And the [G] one on the left was [D] in the middle  
And the [A] guy in the [A7] rear was a [D] Methodist [G] [D] [A] [D] [D]

This [D] musical aggreg- [D7] ation [G] toured the entire [D] nation  
[G] Singing the traditional [D] ballads and the [C] folk songs of our [A] land  
They [D] performed with great virtu- [D7] osity and [G] soon they were the [D]  
rage

But [G] political anim- [D] osity [A] prevailed upon the [D] stage

Well the [G] one on the right was [D] on the left  
And the [A] one in the middle was [D] on the right  
And the [G] one on the left was [D] in the middle  
And the [A] guy in the [A7] rear burned his [D] drivers' license [G] [D] [A]  
[D] [D]

Well the [D] curtain had as- [D7] cended a [G] hush fell on the [D] crowd  
As [G] thousands there were [D] gathered to hear the [C] folk songs of our  
[A] land  
But they [D] took their politics serious- [D7] ly and that [G] night at the concert  
[D] hall

As the [G] audience watched de- [D] liriously they [A] had a free-for- [D] all

Well the [G] one on the right was [D] on the bottom  
And the [A] one in the middle was [D] on the top  
And the [G] one on the left got [D] a broken arm  
And the [A] guy in the [A7] rear, said, [D] "oh dear" [G] [D] [A] [D] [D]

Now [D] this should be a [D7] lesson if you [G] plan to start a folk [D] group  
[G] Don't go mixin' [D] politics with the [C] folk songs of our [A] land  
Just [D] work on harmony and [D7] diction [G] play your ukulele [D] well  
And if [G] you have political con- [D] victions [A] keep them to your- [D] self

Now the [G] one on the left works [D] in a bank  
And the [A] one in the middle [D] drives a truck  
The one [G] on the right's an [D] all-night deejay  
And the [A] guy in the [A7] rear got [D] drafted G/// D/// A/// D

