

# Poor Rambler - Ralph Stanley

Bluegrass Classic, Key of **E** My Key: \_\_\_\_

**INTRO:** **1 5** , **1** , (extra two beats)

Come **1** gather, around me good people, my life, I **5** must re- **1** view  
To- **1** morrow, could have been different  
And I **1** know how my **5** darling ought-a **1** feel  
When **1** I, had plenty of money, my friends were all standing around  
But **1** when, my pocketbook was empty  
Not a **1** friend on **5** earth could be **1** found

**INSTRUMENTAL: 2X** ( **1** , **1** , **1 5** , **1** ), (extra two beats)

The **1** last time, I saw my little woman  
She had a **1** wine glass, **5** in her **1** hand  
She was **1** drinking, down her troubles, with a low down, **5** sorry **1** man  
My **1** dad,dy taught me a-plenty, my mama, she **5** taught me **1** more  
If I **1** didn't, quit my rowdy ways  
There'd be **1** trouble, a- **5** knocking at my **1** door

**INSTRUMENTAL**

I **1** wrote, my maman a letter, I told her, that **5** I was in **1** jail  
She **1** wrote, me back in a hurry  
Sayin' **1** honey I'll, **5** come and go your **1** bail  
I'm a- **1** layin' around this old jailhouse, forty dollars won't **5** pay my **1** fine  
Corn **1** whiskey, has done and got my body  
Pretty **1** women, are **5** troubling my **1** mind

**INSTRUMENTAL**

Give me **1** cornbread, when I'm hungry, corn whiskey, **5** when I'm **1** dry  
Pretty **1** women, may swarm around me, sweet hea,ven **5** when I **1** die  
So **1** dig, a hole in the meadow, go dig, a **5** hole in the **1** ground  
Come **1** gather, round me good people  
And **1** watch this poor **5** rambler go **1** down

<b>1 = E</b> <b>5 = B</b>
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