

My Grandfather's Clock – Henry Clay Work (key for Johnny Cash)

Verse 1: [G] My grandfather's [D] clock was too [G] large for the [C] shelf
So it [G] stood ninety [D] years on the [G] floor
It was [G] taller by [D] half than the [G] old man him [C] self
Though it [G] weighed not a [D] pennyweight [G] more

Bridge 1: It was [G] bought on the morn of the [C] day that he was [G] born
And was [G] always his treasure and [D] pride
But it [G]! stopped [D]! short, [G] never to go a-[C]-gain
When the [G] old [D] man [G] died

Refrain 1: Ninety [G] years without slumbering {stop} (tick tick tick tick)
His [G] life seconds numbering {stop} (tick tick tick tick)
It [G]! stopped, [D]! short [G] never to go a-[C]-gain when the [G] old [D] man [G] died

Verse 2: [G] My grandfather [D] said that of [G] those he could [C] hire
Not a [G] servant so [D] faithful he [G] found
For it [G] wasted no [D] time and had [G] but one de- [C] -sire
At the [G] close of each [D] week to be [G] wound

Bridge 2: And it [G] kept in its place, not a [C] frown upon its [G] face
And its [G] hands never hung by its [D] side
But it [G]! stopped [D]! short, [G] never to go a-[C]-gain
When the [G] old [D] man [G] died

{key change} [A] ////

Verse 3: [A] It rang and a- [E7] -larmed in the [A] dead of the [D] night
An a- [A] -larm that for [E7] years had been [A] dumb
And we [A] knew that his [E7] spirit was [A] pluming for [D] flight
That his [A] hour for de- [E7] -parture had [A] come

Bridge 3: Still the [A] clock kept the time with a [D] soft and muffled [A] chime
[A] As we silently stood by his [E7] side
But it [A]! stopped [E7]! short, [A] never to go a-[D]-gain
When the [A] old [E7] man [A] died

Refrain 2: Ninety [A] years without slumbering {stop} (tick tick tick tick)
His [A] life seconds numbering {stop} (tick tick tick tick)
It [A]! stopped, [E7]! short [A] never to go a-[D]-gain when the [A] old [E7] man [A] died
It [A]! stopped, [E7]! short [A] never to go a-[D]-gain when the [A] old [E7] man [A] died