

**Billie Joe** (revision 22/3/11)  
from **Billie Jean – Michael Jackson – 1982**

Chord vamp – Simple one - Am G Am G  
Harder one uses the Gm shape up two frets in place  
of the 2nd Am

+ Riffs

**INTRO** Blokes spoken:

**Girl I always told you  
be careful what you do  
Don't go round breaking cowboy's hearts...**

Am / G (x2) Alternating groups

**VERSE 1**

Use Chord vamp

He looked something like Steve McQueen in a movie  
scene

I said don't mind, but what do you mean I am the one  
vamp

**Who will dance on the floor in the round**

He said I am the one, **who will dance on the floor**  
vamp  
**in the round**

**VERSE 2**

vamp

He told me his name was Billie Joe, and he talked real  
slow

Then every head turned to have a go at seeing the one  
Am G Am

**Who will dance on the floor in the round**

**Pre-chorus** (oooohs, notes sung are A E x 3 then A Ab)

People always told me be careful of what you do  
F Am  
Don't go around breaking cowboys' hearts (hearts)  
F Am  
And mother always told me be careful of who you love  
F E7  
Be careful of what you do 'cause the lie becomes the  
truth

**CHORUS**

**Billie Joe is not my lover**

**He's just a bloke who claims that I am the one**

**But the kid is not his son**  
vamp

**He says I am the one, but the kid is not his son**  
vamp

**VERSE 3**

vamp

For forty days and for forty nights

The law was on his side

But who can stand when he's in demand  
F

His schemes and plans

**Cause we danced on the floor in the round**  
vamp

So take my strong advice, just remember to always  
vamp

think twice (**do think twice**)

vamp

He told my baby we'd danced till three, then he  
looked at me

I showed a photo my baby cried his eyes were like  
F  
mine (oh, yeah!)

**Cause we danced on the floor in the round**  
Am G Am

**Pre-chorus** (oooohs, notes sung are A E x 3 then A Ab)

People always told me be careful of what you do  
F Am

Don't go around breaking cowboys' hearts  
F Am

He came and stood right by me then the smell of  
diesel fumes  
F E7

This happened much too soon, I ran out of the room

**CHORUS**

vamp

**Billie Joe is not my lover (x3)**

Play single Am after 'lover' and STOP

**Billie Joe is not my lover**

then end on single strummed Am