

# Snowin on Raton

words and music by Townes Van Zandt • key of C



When the <sup>G</sup>wind don't <sup>G</sup>blow in <sup>C</sup>Amarillo <sup>C</sup>  
 and the <sup>G</sup>moon along the <sup>G</sup>Gunnison don't <sup>C</sup>rise <sup>C</sup>  
 shall I <sup>F</sup>cast my <sup>F</sup>dreams upon your <sup>C</sup>love <sup>C</sup>babe  
 and lie <sup>C</sup>beneath the <sup>F</sup>laughter of your <sup>C</sup>eyes <sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> <sup>F</sup> <sup>C</sup> <sup>C</sup>  
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 come <sup>G</sup>mornin I'll be <sup>F</sup>through them <sup>C</sup>hills and <sup>C</sup>gone <sup>C</sup>

Mother thinks the road is long and lonely  
 little brother thinks the road is straight and fine  
 little darlin thinks the road is soft and lovely  
 I'm thankful that old road is a friend of mine

Bid the years goodbye you cannot still them  
 you cannot turn the circles of the sun  
 you cannot count the miles until you feel them  
 and you cannot hold a lover that is gone

Tomorrow the mountains will be sleeping  
 silently the blanket green and blue  
 that I shall hear the silence they are keeping  
 I'll bring all their promises to you

The tablature consists of five measures, each with a corresponding chord diagram above it:

- Measure 1:** Chord G (000033). Fret numbers: 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 3.
- Measure 2:** Chord C (x023). Fret numbers: 1, 0, 1, 0, 3, 2.
- Measure 3:** Chord F (x332). Fret numbers: 1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 1.
- Measure 4:** Chord C/G (x023). Fret numbers: 1, 0, 0, 2, 3, 3. A capo (C) is indicated above the staff.
- Measure 5:** Chord F/G (x332). Fret numbers: 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3.