

Down in the Boondocks by Billy Joe Royal

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G **C**
Down in the boondocks, down in the boondocks,
D **C** **G**
People put me down 'cause that's the side of town I was born in.
G **C**
I love her, and she loves me, but I don't fit her society,
D **C** **G**
Lord, have mercy, I'm a boy from down in the boondocks.

G **C** **G**
1. Every night I watch the light from that house up on the hill,
G **C** **B7** **Em**
I love a little girl that lives up there, I guess I always will.
C **D** **C** **D**
But I don't dare knock on her door, 'cause her daddy is my boss man,
C **D** **C** **D**
So I'll just have to be content to see her whenever I can.

CHORUS

G **C** **G**
2. One fine day I'll find a way to move from this old shack,
G **C** **B7** **Em**
I'll hold my head up like a king, I never, never will look back.
C **D** **C** **D**
But 'til that morning I'll work and slave, and I'll save every dime,
C **D** **C** **D**
But tonight she'll have to steal away to see me one more time.

CHORUS

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