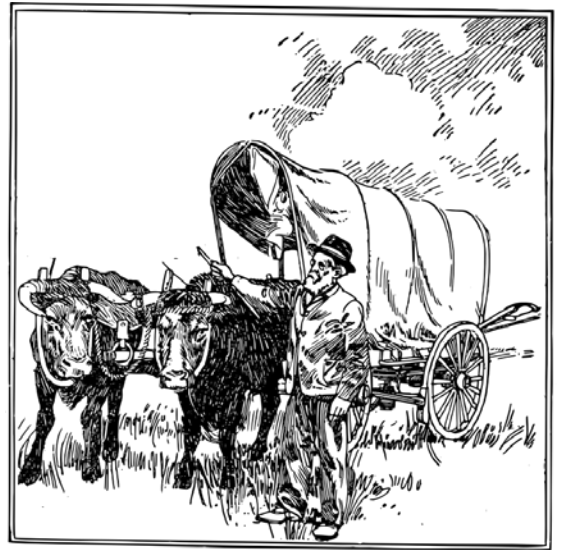


Sweet Betsy From Pike -Johnny Cash written by Jimmie Driftwood (¾ timing)

G **D7** **G** **G**
Now don't you remember Sweet Betsy from Pike
G **D7**
Who crossed the big mountains with her lover Ike
G **G7** **C** **G**
Two yoke of oxen a big yeller dog
G **D7** **G** **G**
A tall Shanghai rooster and one spotted hog

G **D7** **G** **G**
One evenin' quite early they camped on the plat
G **D7**
Down by the road on a green shady flat
G **G7** **C** **G**
Where Betsy got tired - lay down to repose
G **D7** **G** **G**
And Ike he just gazed on his Pike County Road



G **D7** **G** **G**
Well they soon reached the desert where Betsy gave out
G **D7**
Down in the sand she lay rollin' a-bout
G **G7** **C** **G**
While Ike in great tears looked on in surprise
G **D7** **G** **G**
Said Betsy get up you'll get sand in your eyes

G **D7** **G** **G**
Well the Shanghai ran off and the cattle all died
G **D7**
The last piece of bacon that mornin' was fried
G **G7** **C** **G**
Ike got discouraged and Betsy got mad
G **D7** **G** **G**
The dog wagged his tail and looked wonderfully sad

G **D7** **G** **G**
Well a miner said Betsy will you dance with me
G **D7**
I will now ol' hoss if you don't make too free
G **G7** **C** **G**
But don't dance me hard do you want to know why
G **D7** **G** **G**
Doggone you I'm chuckful of strong alka-li

G **D7** **G** **G**
Ike and Sweet Betsy got married of course
G **D7**
But Ike gettin' jealous obtained a di-vorce
G **G7** **C** **G**
Betsy well satisfied said with a shout
G **D7** **G** **G**
Good-bye you big lummoX I'm glad you backed out