

## Lilly, Rosemary and the Jack of Hearts

Bob Dylan; chords for bari uke by Lew Toulmin, 11/2020; strum: UDUD or Waltz

**Intro: G C D7 G**

The [G] festival was over, and the [C] boys were all plannin' for a [G] ball.  
The [G] cabaret was quiet, [C] except for the drillin' in the [G] wall.  
The [C] curfew had been [G] lifted and the [D7] gamblin' wheel shut [G] down,  
[C] Anyone with any [G] sense, had [D7] already left town.  
He was [G] standin' in the doorway, [C] lookin' like the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

He [G] moved across the mirrored room, [C] "Set 'em up for everyone," he [G] said.  
Then [G] everyone commenced to do, what [C] they'd been doin'  
[C] Before he moved their [G] heads. He [C] walked up to a [G] stranger,  
and [D7] asked him with a [G] grin, "Could you [C] kindly tell me,  
[G] mister, what [D7] time the show begins?"  
He [G] moved into the corner, [C] face down like the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Back [G] stage the girls were playin' [C] five card stud by the [G] stairs  
Lily [G] had two queens, she was [C] hopin' for a [G] third to match her pair  
Out [C] side the streets were [G] fillin' up, and a [D7] window was open [G] wide  
A [C] gentle breeze was [G] blowin', you [D7] could feel it from inside  
Lilly [G] called another bet, and [C] drew up the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Big [G] Jim was no-one's fool, [C] he owned the town's only diamond [G] mine  
He [G] made his usual entrance, [C] lookin' all so dandy and so [G] fine  
With [C] his bodyguards and his silver [G] cane, and every [D7] hair in [G] place  
He [C] took whatever he wanted [G] to, and [D7] laid it all to waste  
But his [G] bodyguards & silver cane, [C] they were no match for the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Rose [G] Mary combed her hair, and [C] took a carriage into [G] town  
She [G] slipped into the side door, [C] lookin' like a queen without a [G] crown  
She [C] fluttered her false eye [G] lashes and [D7] whispered in his [G] ear,  
"I'm [C] sorry, darling, that I'm late," [G] But he [D7] didn't seem to hear.  
He was [G] staring into space, [C] over at the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

"Well I [G] know I've seen that face somewhere," Big [C] Jim was thinking to him [G] self  
Maybe [G] down in Mexico, or a [C] picture up on somebody's [G] shelf  
But then the crowd [C] began to [G] stamp their feet, and the [D7] houselights dipped [G] dim,  
and [C] in the darkness of the [G] room, there was [D7] only Jim and him,  
[G] Staring at the butterfly [C] who just [D7] drew up the Jack of [G] Hearts.

Lily was [G] a princess, she was [C] fair skinned and precious as [G] a child  
She [G] had that certain something, was a [C] kind of a flash, every time she [G] smiled  
She'd [C] come away from a broken [G] home, had [D7] lots of strange [G] affairs  
with [C] men in every walk of [G] life, who [D7] took her everywhere.  
But she'd [G] never met anyone, [C] quite like the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

The [G] hangin' judge came in, un- [C] noticed, and was being wined and [G] dined  
The [G] drilling in the wall kept up, but no [C] one seemed to pay it any [G] mind  
It was [C] known all a- [G] round that [D7] Lily had Jim's [G] ring,  
and [C] nothing would ever [G] come between [D7] Lily and the king  
No [G] nothin' ever could, [C] except maybe the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Rose- [G] mary started drinkin' [C] hard and seein' her reflection in her [G] knife,  
She [G] was tired of the attention, [C] tired of playin' the role of Big Jim's [G] wife.  
She'd [C] done a lot of bad [G] things, even [D7] once tried [G] suicide,  
Was [C] lookin' to do just one good [D7] deed before she died.  
She was [G] gazin' to the future, [C] riding on the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Lily [G] took her dress off, buried [C] it a-[G] way. "Has your luck run out?"  
she laughed at him, "I [C] guess you must have known it would some [G] day.  
Be [C] careful not to touch the [G] wall, there's a [D7] brand-new coat of [G] paint,  
I'm [C] glad to see you're still [G] alive, and you're [D7] lookin' like a saint."  
Down the [G] hallway footsteps were [C] comin' for the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

The [G] backstage manager was [C] pacin', all around by his [G] chair.  
"There's [G] somethin' funny going on, I [C] know, I can just feel it in the [G] air."  
He [C] went to get the hangin' [G] judge, but the [D7] hangin' judge was drunk, [G] and  
The leading [C] actor hurried [G] by in the [D7] costume of a monk.  
But there was no [G] actor anywhere, [C] better than the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Lily [G] had her arms around the [C] man, she dearly loved to [G] touch,  
She forgot all about the man, she [C] hated who hounded her so [G] much,  
"I [C] missed you so," she said to [G] him, and he [D7] thought she was [G] sincere  
But [C] in the hallway he'd [G] found [D7] jealousy and fear  
Just another night [G] in the [C] life of the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

No one [G] knew the circumstance, but [C] they say that it happened pretty [G] quick,  
The [G] door to the dressing room burst [C] open and a cold revolver [G] clicked, and  
Big [C] Jim was standin' [G] there, you [D7] couldn't say [G] surprised,  
Rose [C] mary right [G] beside him, [D7] steady in her eyes. She was [G] with Big Jim,  
[C] But she was [D7] leanin' to the Jack of [G] Hearts.

Two [G] doors down and the boys [C] finally made it through the [G] wall,  
They [G] cleaned out the bank safe, said [C] they got off with quite a [G] haul, and  
In the [C] darkness of the [G] riverbed, they [D7] waited on the [G] ground,  
For [C] one more [G] member, who [D7] had business back in town.  
But they [G] couldn't go no further, [C] without the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Well the [G] next day was hangin' day, the [C] sky was overcast and [G] black,  
Big [G] Jim lay covered up, killed [C] by a penknife in the [G] back, and  
Rose [C] mary on the [G] gallows, Lord she [D7] didn't even [G] blink,  
The [C] hangin' judge was [G] sober, Lord, he [D7] hadn't had a drink and,  
The [G] only person on the scene [C] missing was the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts.

Well the [G] cabaret was quiet now, and a [C] sign said, "Closed for [G] repair,"  
Lily had [G] already taken [C] all of the dye out of her [G] hair.  
She was [C] thinkin' about her [G] father, whom she [D7] very rarely [G] saw,  
Thinkin' about [G] Rosemary, and [D7] thinkin' about the law.  
But [G] most of all, she was [C] thinkin' about the [D7] Jack of [G] Hearts!