May You Never *(John Martyn)*

Ch C Am G7 C
(May you) never lay your head down, without a hand to hold
Am G7 C F C
May you never make your bed out in the cold.

1 G7 / -C- -F- C
You're just like a great strong brother to me, you know that I love you true, and you
G7 / -C- -F- C G7
never talk dirty behind my back and I know that there's those that do. Oh please, won't
G7 Am— F—
you please, won't you bear it in mind, love is a lesson to learn in our time,
G7 / C F C—
Now please won't you, please won't you bear it in mind for me.

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(May you) never lay your head down, without a hand to hold
Am G7 C F C
May you never make your bed out in the cold.

2 G7 / -C- -F- C
Well you're just like a good close sister to me, you know that I love you true, and you
G7 / -C- -F- C G7
hold no blade to stab me in the back and I know that there's those that do. Oh please,
G7 Am— F—
won't you, please won't you bear it in mind, life is a lesson to learn in our time,
G7 / C F C—
And please won't you, please won't you bear it in mind for me.

Ch C Am G7 C
(May you) never lay your head down, without a hand to hold
Am G7 C F C
May you never make your bed out in the cold.

3 G7 / -C- -F- C
You're just like a fat and crazy brother of mine and you know that I love you true, you
G7 / -C- -F- C G7
never talk dirty behind my back and I know that there's those that do. Oh please, won't
G7 Am— F—
you please, won't you bear it in mind, love is a lesson to learn in our time,
G7 / C F C—
Now please won't you, please won't you bear it in mind for me.

Ch C Am G7
(May you) never lose your temper, if you get in a barroom
C Am G7 C F C
fight, and may you never lose your woman overnight;
Am G7 C F C
May you never lose your woman overnight, may you
Am— G7— C F C—
never lose your woman overnight.

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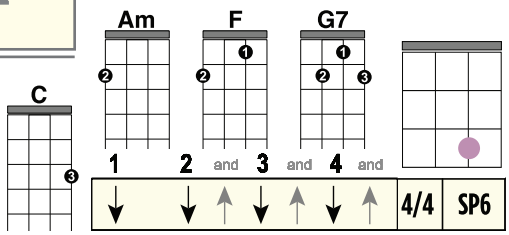
Written and performed by British singer John Martyn (1948-2009) in 1973, and released on his acclaimed Solid Air *album.*



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