I Was Heading to the Local Bar

G
I was heading to the Local bar
C
hadn't made it very far
G D
when this guy calls over to me
G
I said "hey what you want Jack?"
C
hoping that he had some crack
G D G
or maybe a little grass to get me by

but what he had I didn't want
and I started getting hot
as he kept talking about the love of God
he said that I was ruled by sin
it caused all of my hurt within
but Jesus came just to set me free

I said man I don't need your lies
your crutches and your alibies
I'm doing just fine on my own
I know Jesus was a good man
but I'm just doing the best I can
it's hard enough to get through the day

I decided that 1 had had enough
told him he could keep that stuff
and headed back on my way
when he said something that caught my ear
cut through the pride and fear
words that still echo in my mind

he said:

G C G C
Jesus loves you
G D
Jesus loves even you
G C G C
Jesus loves you
G D G
even when you don't want him to

well those words rushed through my brain
I found myself turning back again
even though I knew it was a waste of time
we stepped behind this tree
had to make sure my friends didn't see
and I told the man to lay it on the line

well the rest of the story is kinda long
never would fit inside this song
but lay it on the line is what he done
God hanging on a tree
dying there just for me
I never knew that it was really true

now that day is long since past
I wasn't the first nor the last
to learn of the love that God has for me
but I thank God everyday
for what that man had to say
of the Love of the Lord in my life

now I still hit the bars
but I'm no longer chasing stars
I've more important things on my mind
sitting next to a friend of mine
we talk of life and pass the time
waiting for a chance just to say:

Refrain