SUTTER'S MILL
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Key: originally E, here C (capo 4th fret)

C    Am    F    C
IN THE SPRING OF FORTY-SEVEN
   Am    F    C
SO THE STORY IT IS TOLD
   Am    F    C    Am
OLD JOHN SUTTER WENT TO THE MILL SITE
    Dm7   G7    C
FOUND A PIECE OF SHININ' GOLD.
    Am    F    C
WELL, HE TOOK IT TO THE CITY
    Am    F    C
WHERE THE WORD LIKE WILDFIRE SPREAD
    Am    F    C    Am
OLD JOHN SUTTER SOON CAME TO WISHIN'
    Dm7   G7    Am
HE'D LEFT THAT STONE IN THE RIVER BED.
    F    C
OH, THEY CAME LIKE HERDS OF LOCUSTS
    F    C    Am
EVERY WO-MAN, CHILD AND MAN
    F    C    Am
IN THEIR LUMBERIN' CONESTOGAS
    Dm7   G7    Am
THEY LEFT THEIR TRACK UPON THE LAND.

REFRAIN:
    F    C
SOME WOULD FAIL AND SOME WOULD PROSPER
    F    C    Am
SOME WOULD DIE AND SOME WOULD KILL
    F    C    Am
SOME WOULD BEG THE LORD FOR THEIR DE-LIVERANCE
    Dm7   G7    C
SOME WOULD CURSE JOHN SUTTER'S MILL.
    Am    F    C
WELL, THEY CAME FROM NEW YORK CITY
    Am    F    C
AND THEY CAME FROM ALA-BAM'
    Am    F    C    Am
WITH THEIR DREAM OF FINDIN' FOR-TUNE
    Dm7   G7    C
IN THIS WILD UNSETTLED LAND.
    Am    F    C
WELL, SOME FELL PREY TO HOSTILE ARROWS
    Am    F    C
AS THEY TRIED TO CROSS THE LAND
AND SOME WERE LOST IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS
WITH THEIR HANDS FROZE TO THE REINS.

REFRAIN
SOME PUSHED ON TO CALI-FORNIA
OTHERS STOPPED TO TAKE THEIR REST
AND BY THE SPRING OF EIGHTEEN-SIXTY
THEY HAD OPENED UP THE WEST.

AND THEN THE RAILROAD CAME BEHIND THEM
AND THE LAND WAS FLOWED AND TAME
WHEN OLD JOHN SUTTER WENT TO MEET HIS MAKER
WITH NOT ONE PENNY TO HIS NAME.

REFRAIN
SOME WOULD CURSE JOHN SUTTER'S MILL
SOME MEN'S THIRSTS ARE NEVER FILLED.