You Can't Pick Cotton

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I will never forget the day the law come take my grandpa away The family lived on sugar hill making, making liquor in a moons hine still Uncle Bill said, Grandpa you better run, High Sheriff is coming with a posse and a gun Grandpa didn't want to go to jail; he took off a running down t he Cumberland Trail They said, Hey Hey, I better get my britches on the high sherif fs come and to take me to town Hey Hey, I better get a move on, I better get a move on down You can't pick cotton if the fields ain't white You can't stay sober on a Saturday night You can't go courting if you get too old You can't go driving if the wheels won't roll Greenback money make the wheels go round I'm gonna play my fiddle'til the sun goes down Two weeks later he was back in town in a Cadillac car with the top rolled down Girls in the front, girls in the back, whiskey in the jug, and money in the sack Sitting in the backseat, jumping like a frog, crazy like a poss um putting on a dog New suit new hat twinkle in his eye, playing on his fiddle for the people passing by

He said, Hey Hey, give me a drink of water the sun is getting h otter and I think I'm getting dry Hey Hey, doing what I ought-ta now, telling you the reason why...

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Do you remember a long time ago? Devil worked a man named Cotton-Eyed Joe Devil worked a man named Cotton-Eyed Joe Down in the _____fields down below Everybody talking about Cotton-Eyed Joe Everybody talking about Cotton-Eyed Joe