Folklore

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My dear sweet daddy was the banjo boy Grew up poor on a little farm Old dirt town ain't there no more Just a road through the field was all we found

If you close your eyes and free your mind You can see the store and the little mill Brothers jumping down the railroad track Lotos' voice rolling down the hill

Folklore hovers around the jamboree Where the tree line meets the sky Wrap the words in a ribbon Around her broken wing That's how you're going to learn to fly

Bob-white whistler through the summer wheel Don't you know he's got a better view Grandma claimed a quarter cherokee I got the blood and the locket And the picture she drew

Imagination is blessed thing
To have and hold just what you want
You can conjure up a bright light dream
Or find a dark old house to haunt

Dance all night and don't slow down
Jump so high to steal the crown
Bless the child and all we found
Cuss that ivy moon
Promenade a dance hall reel
Never mind the whippoorwill
I found an arrowhead in a cotton field
That was just about to bloom

My old body is going to die someday
I want to turn to dust on a country road
Tune me into the song you play
So this world won't ever let me go