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Don't put no headstone on my grave,
All my life I've been a slave,
Want the whole wide world to know,
That I'm the man that loved you so
Mama, mama, don't you cry,
I'm gonna meet you in the by and by, in the sweet by and by
Tell papa I'm comin' home, comin' on home,
God, it can't be very long
Don't put no headstone on my grave,
All my life I've been a slave,
Want the whole wide world to know,
That I'm the stud that loved you so
M, m, m, m, m mama don't you cry,
Lord, I'm gonna meet you in the by and by, in the sweet by and
by
Tell papa I'm coming home,
Oh God, it can't be very long
Don't put no headstone on my grave,
Whoooh! All my life I've been a slave, motherhumpin' slave
And you know something? I want the world to know,
That I'm the stud that loved that woman so
Mama, mama don't you cry, mama, don't cry,
I'm gonna meet you in the by and by, in the sweet by and by
Tell papa, I'm coming home, Oh Lord,
You know, it can't be very long
(One more time now)
Don't put a headstone on my grave
All my life I've been a slave,
Want the whole wide world to know,
That I'm the man,
That loved,
That loved,
Don't put no headstone on my grave,
All my life I've been a slave, whoooh!
I want the whole wide world to know,
That I'm the stud that loved you so
Ma-ma-ma-ma mama, don't you cry, whooh! Don't cry!
I'm-a-gonna meet you in the by and by, in the sweet by and by,
Tell papa I'm coming home, coming on home...
... And you know something ladies?
Oh, God, it can't be very long
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