Tennessee Jed

Levon Helm

Cold iron shackles And ball and chain Listen to the whistle Of the evenin' train

You know you Bound to wind up dead If you don't head back To Tennessee Jed

Rich man step on My poor head When you get back You better butter my bread

You know you Well, it's like I said You better head back To Tennessee Jed

Tennessee, Tennessee There ain't no place I'd rather be Baby, won't you carry me Back to Tennessee

I woke up But feelin' mean Went down to play The slot machine

The wheels turned around Baby, the letters read You better head back To Tennessee Jed

I dropped four flights And cracked my spine Honey, come quick With the iodine

Catch a few winks Down, under the bed And then we head back To Tennessee Jed

Tennessee, Tennessee There ain't no place I'd rather be Baby, won't you carry me Back to Tennessee

I run into Charlie Fog Blacked my eye And he kicked my dog

My doggie turned to me And he said "Let's head back To Tennessee Jed"

Drink all day Baby, rock all night The law come to get you If you don't walk right

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