

## The Girl Turned Ripe

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Well the girl turned ripe and the pickers came today  
Had an uncle who was farmin' down in Tennessee  
And I stopped by to see him there brought this friend with me  
He had a daughter seventeen whose name was Clementine  
And sure enough they fell in love her and this friend of mine  
He said the girl turned ripe and the pickers came today  
He said there ain't no need in me beggin' her to stay  
Ol' uncle Dave just shook his head and turned away  
He said the girl turned ripe and the pickers came today  
Fell in love with a gal that made her home in Louisian'  
And her daddy was a hard and strict but very humble man  
And he shook me up that day I went to ask him for her hand  
But I felt better when I heard them same old words again  
Well the girl turned ripe and the pickers came today  
Said there ain't no need in me beggin' her to stay  
He just shook his head and slowly walked away  
He said the girl turned ripe and the pickers came today  
Now me and this gal from Louisian' we got a family  
We got a little doll with big brown eyes that we call Charmarie  
And there's a great long line of pickers waitin' to talk to me  
About the sweet little gal of mine that we call Charmarie  
Well I said the girl turned ripe...  
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