

# Take 'Em Away

## Old Crow Medicine Show

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Take away these chains from me  
My heart is broken 'cause my spirit's not free  
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Some birds' feathers are too bright to be caged  
I know I'm not that colorful but a bird just the same  
Open up your gate now, let me put down my load  
So I can feel at ease and go back to my home

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Sun beatin' down, my legs can't seem to stand  
There's a boss man at a turnrow with a rifle in his hand  
I've got nine children, nothin' in the pan  
My wife she died hungry while I was plowin' land

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Can't see when I go to work, can't see when I get off  
How do you expect a man not to get lost  
Every year I just keep getting deeper in debt  
If there's a happy day, Lord, I haven't seen one yet

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Land that I love is the land that I'm workin'  
But it's hard to love it all the time when your back is a-hurtin'  
Gettin' too old now to push this here plow  
Please let me lay down so I can look at the clouds

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Land that I know is where two rivers collide  
The Brazos the Navaho and the big blue sky  
Flood plains, freight trains, watermelon vines  
Of any place on God's green earth, this is where I choose to die

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