Well, I hope to tell you, Johnny, that I lay that rifle down But leave the noose and the calaboose and headed for another to wn

Well, I've got your name in San Jose and your picture's there to see

And they're shootin' men in Texas just because they look like m

And we will run the ridges of our green land Tennessee
And we will hide for forty years if that's what's meant to be
Meant to be, meant to be
Meant to be, meant to be

Maybe we could try Mexico and cross the desert sand But they're guardin' 'cross the border 'case we swim the Rio Gr ande

And we will run the ridges of our green land Tennessee
And we will hide for forty years if that's what's meant to be
Meant to be, meant to be
Meant to be, meant to be

Well, they'll rope and tie you, Johnny, and they'll throw you to the ground

And they'll let you hang a week or two 'fore they cut your body down

And we will run the ridges of our green land Tennessee And we will hide for forty years if that's what's meant to be Meant to be, meant to be

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