

The Rain Came Down

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The old man loaded up everything that he owned
On a wagon and headed out West
The old woman fearlessly faced the unknown
'Cause she figured he knew what was best

And they settled down hard on a government grant
With six mouths to feed and forty acres to plant

And the rain came down
Like an angel come down from above
An' the rain came down
It'll wash you away an' there ain't never enough

Fall turned to winter, another year gone
Over and over again
Some took lives from the land an' moved on
Some stayed on to plow it back in

And the Good Lord, He giveth and He taketh away
And the restless shall go and the faithful shall stay

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Like an angel come down from above
An' the rain came down
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And my grand daddy died in the room he was born in
Twenty three summers ago
But I could've sworn he's beside me this morning
When the Sheriff showed up at my door

So don't you come around here with your auctioneer man
'Cause you can have the machines but you ain't taking my land

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