

# Go On Ahead And Go Home

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Go on ahead and go home  
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Boy, you've done your best  
Time you took your rest in the sheltering loam  
Go on ahead and go home  
Go on ahead and go home  
The spirits of the dead will meet you up ahead  
You won't be alone

Go let your mama see you smile  
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Mama's gonna wait however long it takes,  
but it's sure been awhile  
Go let your mama see you smile  
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She's standing in the sun sayin'  
"Boy, your works been done a long, long mile"

Down where the cotton grows tall  
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Where the bramble rose and blue hydrangea grows  
beside the old mare's stall  
Down where the cotton grows tall  
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And a fragrant delta breeze shakes the cypress trees  
down deep in the Fall

In the deep of the night, In the deep of the night  
By the river so still where sorrows come to heal  
and wrongs are made right  
Down in the deep of the night, In the deep of the night  
On a creaking porch swing, the ancient ones sing  
"everything is alright"