

# Almost Home

Joe Diffie

He had plastic bags wrapped around his shoes  
He was covered with the evening news  
Had a pair of old wool socks on his hands  
The bank sign was flashin five below  
It was freezing rain and spitting snow  
He was curled up behind some garbage cans  
I was afraid that he was dead I gave him a gentle shake  
When he opened up his eyes I said old man are you okay  
He said

I just crawled out of a cottonwood tree  
I was runnin from some hunny bees  
Drip dryin in the summer breaze after jumpin into Calico Creek  
I was walkin down an old dirt road  
Past a field of hay that had just been mowed  
Man I wish you'd just left me alone  
Cause I was almost home

And he said I was just comin round the barn  
Bout the time you grabbed my arm  
And I heard mama holler son hurry up  
And I was close enough for my own nose to smell fresh cobbler on the stove  
And I saw daddy loadin up the truck  
Cane poles on the tailgate bobbbers blowin in the wind  
Since july of 55 that's as close as I've been

Yeah I just climbed out of a cottonwood tree  
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Drip dryin in the summer breaze  
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I said old man your gonna freeze to death let me drive you to the mission  
He said boy if you'd left me alone right now I'd be fishin

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