

## Conjure Child

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She was born early a brill child  
Folks didn't think she'd make nine  
She made a year started going blind but the conjure said just i  
n time  
Just in time  
She was headed for an early grave took her to her grandma's pla  
ce  
Nothing left for them to try left her there to live or die  
Her grandma lived back in the swamp  
Couldn't get to it with a boat  
The savage shack up on stilts strong little house her grandpa b  
uilt  
She got stronger found her way helped her grandma around the pl  
ace  
Her eyes had turned the palest green threw her voice and make h  
er scream

Once a month she'd take the boat go through the swamp to a litt  
le dirty road  
She'd walk into town for their supplies keep her hat down low o  
n her eyes  
She felt uneasy on the town men would look her up and down  
She was coming down no doubt about it  
She never had a man never thought about it  
Never had a man

Two men rolled out of town in an old pickup just about sundown  
They were drinking a lot of shine bad intentions on their mind  
She came walking down the road moon was up and hanging low  
She was humming a little song but she knew something terrible h  
ad gone wrong  
A man was laying in her boat  
Cottonmouth snakes took to his throat  
A panther came from the trees took the other one at the knees  
She drug em both back into the boat  
Paddled back into the swamp  
Halfway back to the shack  
She dropped them off for a gator snack  
Country town