

Sampson Pittman

"Cotton Farmer Blues"

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But the merchant told the farmer, "You got boll weavils¹ in your field"

You've got a good cotton crop but it's just like shooting dice

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Now, you're gonna work the whole year 'round, buddy, yet, the cotton won't bring no price

Now, you go to the commissary, he will give you plenty of meal and meat

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Now, he'll give you half a price for your cotton, not a doggone thing for your seed

(spoken: That's too bad, too bad)

Yes, boys, if I could get 50 cents a day

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And if they'd just raise me to a dollar, don't you know, I'd give that crop away

(spoken: Play it one time. Yeah, man, play it, it don't cost you nothing. I know these farmers, you see. That's the reason I'm telling you like I said, you [won't get nothing?])

Now, boys, it ain't but the one thing, boys, that make me begin to think,

when they mistreat me every time it looks like I just got to have another drink

Yes, boys, and I'm going away to stay

Because I ain't gonna let no merchant try to steal me this way

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