

## **Craig Morgan**

### **"Almost Home"**

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He had plastic bags wrapped 'round his shoes  
He was covered with the evening news  
Had a pair of old wool socks on his hands  
The bank sign was flashing 5 below  
It was freezing rain and spittin' 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 ok?"

He said, "I just climbed out of a cottonwood tree  
I was runnin' from some honey bees  
Drip dryin' in the summer breeze  
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"

He said "I was just comin' round the barn  
'Bout the time you grabbed my arm  
When I heard Momma holler, "Son hurry up"  
I was close enough for my old nose  
To smell fresh cobbler on the stove  
And I saw daddy loadin' up the truck  
Cane poles on the tailgate  
Bobbars blowin' in the wind  
Since July of '55  
That's as close as I've been"

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I said, "Old man you're 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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Man I wish you'd just left me alone  
Cause I was almost home (almost home)

Man I wish you'd just left me alone  
I was almost home

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