

## **Big Bill Broonzy**

### **"The Crawdad Song"**

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You'll get a line, this the way the women sang it  
You'll get a line, I'll get a pole, honey, and put the  
babies to sleep  
You'll get a line, I'll get a pole, babe,  
You'll get a line, I'll get a pole, and the men came in,  
let's go down to that crawdad1 hole  
Now, honey, baby, mine

Yond'r come a man with a sack on his back, now, honey  
Yond'r come a man with a sack on his back, oh, babe  
Yond'r come a man with a sack on his back,  
he's got him all crawdads he can pack,  
Now, honey, baby, mine

Man fell down and he broke that sack, now, honey  
Man fell down and he broke that sack, babe  
Man fell down and he broke that sack,  
you'd better see them all crawdads crawlin' back  
Now, honey, baby, mine

Sat on the pole, my feet got cold, now, honey  
Sat on the pole, my feet got cold, babe  
Sat on the pole, my feet got cold,  
I was lookin' right down that crawdads hole  
Honey, baby, mine

What you gonna do when the pond goes dry, now,  
honey  
What you gonna do when the pond goes dry, babe  
What you gonna do when the pond goes dry  
I'm gonna stand on the bank,  
and watch the crawdads die  
Honey, baby, mine

I sat on the pole, my feet got cold, now, honey  
Sat on the pole, my feet got cold, babe  
Sat on the pole, my feet got cold,  
lookin' right down that crawdads hole  
Now, honey, baby, mine

What did the he duck said to the drake, now, honey

What did the he duck said to the drake, babe  
What did the he duck said to the drake,  
there ain't no crawdads in this lake  
Honey, baby, mine

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Note 1: alteration of crawfish, any of numerous freshwater fish resembling the lobster but usually much smaller, word used chiefly west of the Appalachians.

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