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"Year That Clayton Delaney Died"

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Well I remember the year that Clayton Delaney died
They said for the last two weeks that he suffered and
cried
It made a big impression on me although I was a
barefoot kid
They said he got religion at the end and I'm glad that
he did
Clayton was the best guitar picker in our town
I thought he was a hero and I used to follow Clayton
around
I often wondered why Clayton who seemed so good to
me
Never took his guitar and made it down in Tennessee
Daddy said he drank a lot but I could never understand
I knew he used to pick up in Ohio with a five piece
band
Clayton used to tell me son you better put that old
guitar away
There ain't no money in it it'll lead you to an early gray
I guess if I'd admit it Clayton taught me how to drink
booze
I can see him half stoned pickin' up the Lovesick Blues
When Clayton died I made him a promise I was gonna
carry on somehow
I'd give a hundred dollars if he could only see me now
I remember the year that Clayton Delaney died
Nobody ever knew it but I went out in the woods and I
cried
Well I know there's a lotta big preachers that know a lot
more than I do
But it could be that the good Lord likes a little picking
too
Yeah I remember the year that Clayton Delaney died

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