## Dusty Drake "Willie And Laura Mae Jones"

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(Tony Joe White)

Willie & Laura Mae Jones Were our neighbours a long time back They lived right down the road from us In a shack just like our shack

The people worked the land together
And we learned to count on each other
When you live off the land
You don't have the time to think about another man's
colour

The cotton was high and the corn was growing fine But that was another place and another time

Sit out on the front porch
In the evening when the sun went down
Willie would play and the kids would sing
And everybody would mess around
Daddy'd bring out his guitar
And play on through the night
Every now and then ol' Willie would grin and say
"Hey, you play all right"
Made me feel so good

I remember the best times of all
When Saturday came around
We all would stop by Willie's house and say
"Do y'all need anything from town?"
He'd say "No, but why don't y'all stop on the way back
through?
And I'll get Laura Mae, yeah, to cook up some
barbecue"
And you know that's good

The cotton was high and the corn was growing fine, yes it was

But that was another place and another time

Oh, the years rolled past the land

And took back what they'd given We all knew we had to move If we were gonna make a living

So we all moved off And went about our separate ways It sure was hard to say goodbye To Willie and Laura Mae (Jones), oh yeah

The cotton was high and the corn was growing fine, yes it was
But that was another place and another time
I remember so well
The cotton looked so fine
But that was another place and another time
And it felt so good, yes it did

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