

Eric B. & Rakim

"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 an' 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 runin' 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."

Then he said, "I's 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 own nose
To smell fresh cobbler on the stove
And I saw daddy loadin' up the truck
Cane poles on the tailgate
Bobbers 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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