

## Joan Baez

# "Lincoln Freed Me Today (The Slave)"

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Been a slave most all my life  
So's my kids and so's my wife  
I've been working on the Colonel's farm  
Ain't been mistreated, ain't done no harm  
I'll be a slave to my grave  
No need of me being free

Recollect when I was just fourteen  
Freedom used to be my biggest dream  
I'm older now, lot wiser too  
If I was free what would I do  
The Colonel's been right good to me  
He's taken care of my family

The Colonel rode the buggy in from town  
Hitched the horse and called us all around  
Said he couldn't keep us here no more  
I saw a tear as he walked toward the door  
Oh dear God, what did he say?  
Now I am free to go my way

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