

Johnny Burnette

"I Never Picked Cotton"

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[Chorus] I never picked cotton But my mother did And
my brother did And my sister did And my daddy died
young Workin' in the coal mine

When I was just a baby Too little for a cotton sack I
played in the dirt While the others worked 'Til they
couldn't straighten up their backs I made myself a
promise When I was big enough to run That I'd never
stay a single day In that Oklahoma sun

[Chorus] Folks said I grew up early And that the farm
couldn't hold me then so I stole ten bucks and a pickup
truck And I never went back again Then it was fast cars
and whiskey Long haired girls and fun I had everything
that money could bring And I took it all with a gun

[Chorus] It was Saturday night in Memphis When a
redneck grabbed my shirt When he said go back to
your cotton sack I left him dying in the dirt They'll take
me in the morning To the gallos just outside And in the
time I got There ain't a hell of a lot That I can look back
on with pride

[Chorus]

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