

## Charley Patton

### "Mississippi Bo Weevil Blues"

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Sees a little boll weevil<sup>2</sup> keeps movin' in the, Lordie!  
You can plant your cotton and you won't get a half a  
bale, Lordie  
Bo weevil, bo weevil, where's your native home? Lordie  
"A-Louisiana raised in Texas, least is where I was bred  
and born", Lordie  
Well, I saw the bo weevil, Lord, a-circle, Lord, in the air,  
Lordie  
The next time I seed him, Lord, he had his family there,  
Lordie  
Bo weevil left Texas, Lord, he bid me "fare ye well",  
Lordie  
(spoken: Where you goin' now?)  
I'm goin' down the Mississippi, gonna give Louisiana  
hell, Lordie  
(spoken: How is that, boy?)  
Suck all the blossoms and he leave your hedges  
square, Lordie  
The next time I seed you, you know you had your family  
there, Lordie  
Bo weevil meet his wife, "We can sit down on the hill",  
Lordie  
Bo weevil told his wife, "Let's trade this forty<sup>3</sup> in",  
Lordie  
Bo weevil told his wife, says, "I believe I may go North",  
Lordie  
(spoken: Hold on, I'm gonna tell all about that)  
"Let's leave Louisiana, we can go to Arkansas", Lordie  
Well, I saw the bo weevil, Lord a-circle, Lord, in the air,  
Lordie  
Next time I seed him, Lord, he had his family there,  
Lordie  
Bo weevil told the farmer that "I 'tain't got ticket fare",  
Lordie  
Sucks all the blossom and leave your hedges square,  
Lordie  
Bo weevil, bo weevil, where your native home? Lordie  
"Most anywhere they raise cotton and corn", Lordie  
Bo weevil, bo weevil, "Outta treat me fair", Lordie  
The next time I did you had your family there, Lordie

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Note 1: weevil was wrongly spelled "weavil" on the original issue of this song by Paramount Records;  
Note 2: bo or boll weevil, a grayish weevil, super-family of beetles, that infests the cotton plant and feeds on the squares and bolls.  
Note 3: forty acres of land

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