

Lightnin' Hopkins

"Grosebeck Blues"

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Boy, you may go to Grosebeck1 to have your trial, but
you know the next penitentiary's after while
You may go to Grosebeck to have your trial, ooh, and
the next penitentiary's after awhile
Yes, if you want to go to penitentiary in a hurry, man,
you just go to Grosebeck and have your trial

Yeah, you know, my mama called me, boys, and I
answered, "Ma'am?"
She said, "Son are you tired of working?" I said,
"Mama, oh mama, yes I am"
Then, you know, my papa called me, peoples, and I
answered, "Sir?"
He said, "Son, if you're tired of working down there,
what the hell you're gonna stay there for?"

Grandma said, "Son, if you had been a good boy, yes,
and stayed at home, you'd have been working for your
mama, I'm talking about, and picking up chips on your
grandma's farm"
I can't do nothing but hang my lonesome head and
moan

Yes you know they got a dog named Rattler
You know she's a water dog
You know she can swim big Brazos2, I done swear,
man, that dog can walk a foot log

Note 1: Grosebeck, ;

Note 2: Brazos, river about 840 miles (1350
kilometers), central Texas flowing SE into Gulf of
Mexico.

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