

## Lonnie Johnson

### "Sleepy Water Blues"

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Roll on, sleepy waters, you rowing from night until  
morn.

Roll on, sleepy waters, Mississippi carry me home.  
'Cause I'm headed for dear ol' Southland, where I  
belong.

Jus' look at them rows of cotton, an' that good old  
sugarcane.

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sugarcane.

My feet is getting happy, I'll soon be back home again.

Ah, roll on sleep waters, while the clouds are dark an'  
blue.

Roll on sleep waters, while the moon is bright an' new.  
I can hear my dear ol' mammy callin', my troubles will  
soon be through.

Now the whippoorwills is callin', for that Mississippi  
River stream.

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I'll soon be back in dear ol' Southland, the place I often  
see in my dream.

There stands Mammy Jennie, an' my mother by the  
cabin door.

There stands Mammy Jennie, my mother by the cabin  
door.

Willing to take me into her arms, mammy I'll never  
leave home no more.

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