

Blind Arthur Blake

"Georgia Bound"

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Packing up my duffel¹, gonna leave this town
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And I'm gonna hustle to catch that train southbound

Got the Georgia blues for the plow and hoe²
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Walked out my shoes over this ice and snow

Tune up the fiddle, dust off the bow
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Put on the griddle³, and open up the cabin door

I thought I was going to the north land to stay
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South is on my mind, my blues won't go away

Potatoes in the ashes, possum⁴ on the stove
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You can have the hash⁵, but leave it on the clove⁶

Chicken on the roof, babe, watermelons on the vine⁷
Chicken on the roof, babe, watermelons on the vine
I'll be glad to get back, to that Georgia gal of mine

Note 1: duffel, a large cylindrical fabric bag for personal belongings;

Note 2: hoe, an implement with a thin flat blade on a long handle used especially for cultivating, weeding, or loosening the earth around plants;

Note 3: griddle, a flat metal surface or pan on which food is cooked by dry heat;

Note 4: possum or opossum (drawing), the word originates from the Algonquian Indians of Virginia, and means literally white animal. In general any of a family of American marsupials that usually have a pointed snout and a tail adapted for seizing or grasping especially by wrapping around. More specific, a common omnivorous largely nocturnal and mammal, that lives solely or often in trees. They have grayish to blackish fur with white on the cheeks.

Note 5: hash, chopped food, specifically, chopped meat mixed with potatoes and browned;

Note 6: clove, have found several meanings but none seems fitting. 1. - one of the small bulbs (as in garlic) developed in the axils of the scales of a large bulb; 2 - the dried flower bud of a tropical tree of the myrtle family that is used as a spice and is the source of an oil;

Note 7: vine, stem of a plant that requires support and which climbs by tendrils or twining or creeps along the ground (as in the case of watermelons).

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