

Son House

"Country Farm Blues"

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Down South, when you do anything, that's wrong
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They'll sure put you down on the country farm1

Put you down under a man they call "Captain Jack"
Put you under a man called "Captain Jack"
Put you under a man they call "Captain Jack"
He" sure write his name up and down your back

Put you down in a ditch with a great long spade
Put you down in a ditch with a great long spade
Put you down in a ditch with a great long spade
Wish to God that you hadn't never been made

On a Sunday the boys be lookin' sad
On a Sunday the boys'll be lookin' sad
On a Sunday the boys be lookin' sad
Just wonderin' about how much time they had2

Note: the melody of this song is from the tune "Two White Horses";

Note 1: country farm, a prison farm;

Note 2: time left to serve in prison.

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