

Sonny Boy Williamson I **"Shady Grove"**

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Sonny Boy Williamson - vcl and hca

with Blind John Davis - piano, Ransom Knowling - sbass

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I was just setting here lookin'

Lookin' way down in Shady Grove, now

I was settin' an lookin'

Lookin' way down in Shady Grove, now

Now, that's where they carried my baby

A long, long time ago, now

I heard the church bells ringin'

An the hearse was drivin' slow, now

A heard the church bells ringin'

Peoples, and the hearse was drivin' slow, now

Lord, an I hate to see me baby leave me

Oh peoples, but she just had to go, now

I looked in my mother's face, now

An Lord, an I just hung my head an cry, now

I looked in my mother's face, now

People, I just a-hung my head and cry, now

I said, 'Leaved these good lookin' women to kill me

Mama, you just leave yo' poor Sonny Boy down, now'

You know I laid down last night one

Peoples I tried to take my rest, now

You know I laid down last night

People I tried to take my rest, now

You know my mind got to ramblin'

Just like the wild geese in the west, now

Lord, I'm goin' to the gypsy, now

To have my baby's fortune told, now

I swear I'm goin' to the gypsy

Lord, to have my baby's fortune told, now

But she said, 'But Sonny Boy, you's a bad luck chile

An you catch the devil ev'rywhere you go, now.

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