

## Tony Joe White

### "The Family"

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The weevils all took to cotton and cows all took to dry  
But the varmints left behind, some took up to die  
Trouble took to daddy like dew drops take to night  
Mama took to cryin' a lot and daddy took to wine

And I took a train outta there  
I told the engineer, I don't believe there's no help,  
maybe  
Heaven, help the tie that binds a family  
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Flowers took to daddy and daddy, he took to calm  
Sister took to black wheel nights and Mama cried alone  
Brother, he took up preaching and the bank man took  
the farm  
They came and took my mom away, she can't do  
herself no harm

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handy  
Looks like even God can't save the family  
Looks like only God can save the family

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I told the engineer, I don't believe there's no help  
handy

Looks like even God can't save the family

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And I took a train outta there, you hear me

I told the engineer, I don't believe there's no help  
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