

# I NEVER PICKED COTTON

- J. Cash & J. Carter Cash

## Intro:

```
E|-----|-----|
B|-----|-----0-----|
G|-----|-----1-----|
D|-----0-----|-----2-----|
A|-0-1-2-----2-1-0-|-----2-----|
E|-----|-----3-----0-----|
```

## Chorus:

**E**

I NEVER PICKED COTTON

LIKE MY MOTHER DID AND MY BROTHER DID AND MY SISTER DID

AND MY DADDY DIED YOUNG WORKIN' IN A COAL MINE

1

```
D|-----2-----|
A|-----2-----|
E|-3--3--0-----|
```

2

```
D|-----4-----|
A|--0--1--2-----|
E|-----|
```

**F**

WHEN I WAS JUST A BABY, TOO LITTLE FOR THE COTTON SACK

**F**

I PLAYED IN THE DIRT WHILE THE OTHERS WORKED TILL THEY COULDN'T

**F**

STRAIGHTEN UP THEIR BACKS

**F#**

AND I MADE MYSELF A PROMISE WHEN I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO RUN

**F#**

THAT I'D NEVER STAY A SINGLE DAY IN THAT OKLAHOMA SUN, BUT

## Repeat Chorus

FOLKS SAID THAT I GREW UP EARLY AND THE FARM COULDN'T HOLD ME THEN  
SO I STOLE TEN BUCKS AND A PICKUP TRUCK AND I NEVER WENT BACK AGAIN

AND IT WAS FAST CARS AND WHISKEY, LONG LEGGED GIRLS AND FUN  
I HAD EVERYTHING THAT MONEY COULD BRING AND I TOOK IT ALL WITH A GUN (BUT)

## Repeat Chorus

IT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT IN MEMPHIS WHEN A REDNECK GRABBED MY SHIRT  
HE SAID GO BACK TO YOUR COTTON SACK, I LEFT HIM LYIN' IN THE DIRT

AND THEY'LL TAKE ME IN THE MORNING TO THE GALLOWS JUST OUTSIDE  
AND IN THE TIME I GOT THERE AIN'T A HELL OF A LOT  
I CAN LOOK BACK ON WITH PRIDE, BUT , **Repeat Chorus**