

CALIFORNIA COTTON FIELDS

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Intro: G G A D E D E A

Verse:

A E G D
MY DRIFTING MEMORY GOES BACK TO THE SPRING OF FORTY-THREE
A E
WHEN I WAS JUST A CHILD IN MAMMA'S ARMS
A E G D
MY DADDY PLOWED THE GROUND AND PRAYED SOMEDAY WE COULD LEAVE
A E A
THIS RUN-DOWN MORTGAGED OKLAHOMA FARM

E D A
THEN ONE NIGHT I HEAR MY DADDY SAYING TO MY MOM
B7 E
THAT HE'D FINALLY SAVED ENOUGH TO GO
A E G D
CALIFORNIA WAS HIS DREAM A PARADISE FOR HE HAD SEEN
A E A
PICTURES IN MAGAZINES THAT TOLD HIM SO

Chorus:

A D E
CALIFORNIA COTTON FIELDS
D E D A
WHERE LABOR CAMPS WERE FILLED WITH WEARY MEN WITH BROKEN DREAMS
D E
CALIFORNIA COTTON FIELDS
D E A
AS CLOSE TO WEALTH AS DADDY EVER CAME

Instrumental: G G A D E D E A

Verse:

ALMOST EVERYTHING WE HAD WAS SOLD OR LEFT BEHIND
FROM MY DADDY'S PLOW TO THE FRUIT THAT MAMMA CANNED
SOME FOLKS CAME TO SAY FAREWELL SEE WHAT ALL WE HAD TO SELL
SOME JUST CAME SHAKE MY DADDY'S HAND

HEY THE MODEL-A WAS LOADED DOWN AND CALIFORNIA-BOUND
AND A CHANGE OF LUCK WAS JUST FOUR DAYS AWAY
BUT THE ONLY CHANGE THAT I REMEMBER SEEING FOR MY DADDY
WAS WHEN HIS DARK HAIR TURNED TO SILVER GREY

Chorus:

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Outro: G G A

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