I've laid around and played around
This old town too long
Summer's almost gone
Yes, winter's comin' on
I've laid around and played around
This old town too long
And I feel like I gotta travel on

Poppa writes to Johnny
But Johnny can't come home
Johnny can't come home
No, Johnny can't come home
Poppa writes to Johnny
But Johnny can't come home
Cause he's been on the chain gang too long

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High sheriff and police riding after me Riding after me, yes, coming after me High sheriff and police coming after me And I fee like I gotta travel on

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Want to see my honey
Want to see her bad
Want to see her bad
Oh, want to see her bad
Want to see my honey
Want to see her bad,
She's the best girl
This poor boy ever had

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