

The 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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