Willie and Laura Mae Jones

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Willie & Laura Mae Jones Were our neighbors a long time back They lived right down the road from us In a shack just like our shack

The people worked the land together

And we learned to count on each other

When you live off the land

You don't have the time to think about another mans color

The cotton was high and the corn was growing fine But that was another place and another time

Sit out on the front porch
In the evening when the sun went down
Willie would play and the kids would sing
And everybody would mess around
Daddy'd bring out his guitar
And play on through the night
Every now and then ol Willie would grin and say
Hey, you play all right
Made me feel so good

I remember the best times of all
When Saturday came around
We all would stop by willies house and say
Do ya'll need anything from town?
He'd say no, but why don't ya'll stop on the way back through?
And I'll get Laura Mae, yeah, to cook up some barbecue
And you know thats good

The cotton was high and the corn was growing fine, yes it was But that was another place and another time ${}^{\prime}$

Oh, the years rolled past the land And took back what they'd given We all knew we had to move If we were gonna make a living

So we all moved off
And went about our separate ways
It sure was hard to say goodbye
To Willie and Laura Mae (Jones), oh yeah

The cotton was high and the corn was growing fine, yes it was But that was another place and another time I remember so well
The cotton looked so fine
But that was another place and another time
And it felt so good, yes it did