

# Long Summer Day

## Two Gallants

Well, the summer day make a white man lazy

Well, all I've ever known is poor  
Owe my skin to the country store  
Throw my walls, my roof, my door  
But he tells me I'm free  
But I fight the will to live  
Hell might take but heaven gives  
It's the only one so I'll forgive  
And I'm not the one to grieve

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Well, I went down to the polling place  
The white men there just laughed in my face  
Saying boy, this ain't no nigger's race  
You best get on your way  
Sir, I believe I've got the right  
Said you ain't got nothing if you ain't white  
And I thought I said get out of site  
Well, what was I to say?

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When I was 'bout the age of five  
Watched my daddy burned alive  
They cut him low and they hung him high  
Swayin' in the breeze  
The last words I heard him say  
Before they stole his life that day  
Was forgive them lord, they gone astray  
Now take me to my knees

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But the summer day make a nigger feel crazy  
Might make me do something out of line

Well, I don't know but I heard tell  
Of a fungus below a place called hell  
And who would catch me if I fell?  
Who would pray for me?  
But one thing I see for sure  
It's hot as hell up here I know  
And the devil lives right down the road  
It's all the same to me

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But if you should see my wife  
Tell her that I wont be home tonight  
So don't leave on the light  
I got a little buisness down the road  
And If I'm dead by sunrise  
Kiss my baby girl for me  
It ain't life if it ain't free  
I got a mighty buggin' to one love