

Skip James, Cypress Grove Blues

I would rather be buried in some cypress grove
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To have some woman, Lord, that I can't control
And I'm goin' away now, I'm goin' away to stay
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That'll be all right, pretty mama, you gonna need my help someday
And the sun goin' down, and you know what your promise means
And the sun goin' down, you know what your promise means
And what's the matter, baby, I can't see
I would rather be dead and six feet in my grave
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Than to be way up here, honey, treated this a-way
And the old people told me, baby, but I never did know
The old people told me, baby woman, but I never did know
"The good book declare you got to reap just what you sow"
When your knee bone's achin' and your body cold
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Means you just gettin' ready, honey, for the cypress grove