Great Grand-Pappy

Traditional Pioneer ballad: Great Grand-Dad: music by Bo Diddley

Am







[Am] Great Grand-Pappy when the land was young,

[Dm] Barred the door with a [E7] wagon tongue,

For the [Am] times was rough and the redskins mocked.

He [Dm] said his prayers with his [E7] shotgun cocked. Aah [Am] huh.

[Am] Great Grandad. [E] He was a pio-[Am] -neer.

He raised a family on the [E] wilderness fron-[Am]-tier.

[Am] He was a citizen, tough and grim,

[Dm] Danger was duck [E7] soup to him.

He [Am] ate corn-pone and bacon fat.

[Dm] Great grandson would [E7] gag on that. Aah [Am] huh.

Instrumental:

[Am] Great Grandad. [E] He was a pio-[Am]-neer. He raised a family on the [E] wilderness fron-[Am]-tier.

[Am] Great Grand-Pappy was a busy man.

[Dm] He cooked his grub in a [E7] frying pan.

He [Am] picked his teeth with his hunting knife.

He [Dm] wore the same suit a-[E7] -all of his life. Aah [Am] huh.

[Am] Great Grandad. [E] He was a pio-[Am] -neer.

He raised a family on the [E] wilderness fron-[Am]-tier.

[Am] Twenty-one children came to bless

The [Dm] old man's home in the [E7] wilderness.

[Am] Doubt this statement if you can:

[Dm] Great Grand-Pappy was a [E7] busy, busy [Am] man.

Instrumental:

[Am] Great Grandad. [E] He was a pio-[Am]-neer.

He raised a family on the [E] wilderness fron-[Am]-tier.

[Am] Twenty-one boys and not one bad.
They [Dm] never got fresh with [E7] Great Grand-Dad.
[Am] If they had he'd have been right glad
To [Dm] tan their hides with a [E7] hickory gad. Aah [Am] huh.
[Am] Great Grandad. [E] He was a pio-[Am] -neer.
He raised a family on the [E] wilderness fron-[Am]-tier.

He [Am] raised them rough, but he raised them well.
When their [Dm] feet took hold on the [E7] road to Hell,
He [Am] straightened them out with an iron ramrod
And [Dm] filled them full of the [E7] fear of God. Aah [Am] huh.

Instrumental:

[Am] Great Grandad. [E] He was a pio-[Am]-neer. He raised a family on the [E] wilderness fron-[Am]-tier.