

Chorus:

G C
Take 'em away, take 'em away, Lord

G D
Take away these chains from me

G C
My heart is broken 'cause my spirit's not free

G D G
Lord, take away these chains from me

G C
Some bird feathers are too bright to be caged

G D
I know I'm not that colorful but a bird just the same

G C
Open up your gate now, let me put down my load

G D G
So I can feel at ease and go back to my home (Chorus)

G C
Sun beatin' down my legs can't seem to stand

G D
There's a boss man at a turnrow with a rifle in his hand

G C
I've got nine children, nothin' in the pan

G D G
My wife she died hungry while I was plowin' land (Chorus)

Instrumental: C G D G C G D G

G C
Can't see when I go to work, can't see when I get off

G D
How do you expect a man not to get lost

G C
Every year I just keep getting deeper in debt

G D G
If there's a happy day, Lord, I haven't seen one yet (Chorus)

G C
Land that I love is the land that I'm workin'

G D
But it's hard to love it all the time when your back is a-hurtin'

G C
Gettin' too old now to push this here plow

G D G
Please let me lay down so I can look at the clouds (Chorus)

(Instrumental: C G D G C G D G)

G C
The land that I know is where two rivers collide

G D
The Brazos, the Navaso and the big blue sky

G C
Flood plains, freight trains, watermelon vines

G D G
Of any place on God's green earth, this is where I choose to die (Chorus)

Outro: C G D G C G D G