

ALMOST HOME

Intro:

He had plastic bags wrapped 'round his shoes.
He was covered with the Evening News.
Had a pair of old wool socks on his hands.
The bank sign was flashing "5 below",
It was freezing rain an' spittin' snow;
He was curled up behind some garbage cans.
I was afraid that he was dead: I gave him a gentle shake.
When he opened up his eyes, I said: "Old man, are you ok?"

He said: "I just climbed out of a cottonwood tree.

I was runnin' from some honey bees.

Drip dryin' in the summer breeze, after jumpin' into Calico Creek.

I was walkin' down an old dirt road, past a field of hay that had just been mowed.

Man, I wish you'd just left me alone, **stop** 'cause I was almost home."

Then he said: "I's just comin' 'round the barn, 'bout the time he grabbed my arm,
When I heard Momma holler: 'Son, hurry up. I was close enough for my own nose,
To smell fresh cobbler on the stove, an' I saw Daddy loadin' up the truck.
Cane poles on the tailgate, bobbers blowin' in the wind.
Since July of '55, that's as close as I've been.

"Yeah, I just climbed out of a cottonwood tree.

Well, I was runnin' from some honey bees.

Drip dryin' in the summer breeze, after jumpin' into Calico Creek.

An' I was walkin' down an old dirt road, past a field of hay that had just been mowed.

Man, I wish you'd just left me alone, I was almost home."

I said: "Old man you're gonna freeze to death, let me drive you to the mission."
He said: "Boy, if you left me alone, right now, I'd be fishin'."

"I just climbed out of a cottonwood tree. (ooh)

I was runnin' from some honey bees. (ooh)

Drip dryin' in the summer breeze, after jumpin' into Calico Creek. (ooh)

An' I was walkin' down an old dirt road, past a field of hay that had just been mowed.

Man, I wish you'd just left me alone, I was almost home." (Almost home).

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"I was almost home."