

FLY AWAY HOME *Lyrics and music © Jack Williams*

Quiet little schoolgirl, scuffin' her knees,
Dancin' with the doodlebugs under the trees.
Jay birds, dragonflies - buzzin' of bees...
Granny drinks her tea with the spoon still in it.
Kudzu vine grows a yard every minute.
Honeysuckle, foxglove, one hundred degrees...
You're tearin' at my heartstrings.
I'll fly away home.

Mama's in the garden, a ghost right beside her.
I'm goin' eye to eye with a black widow spider.
Mama's up in heaven now, I wish I could fly.
Washin' my soul in an old water basin.
Mosquito's on my nose, a screen needs replacin'.
Daddy says he's comin' home, bye and bye.
You're tearin' at my heart strings.
I'm gonna fly away home.

Fly, oh fly away home
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While time remains I'll shuck these chains
And get on down the road.
My house is on fire,
I'll fly away home.

Black water runs below the cemetery.
Swampy things there are old, dark and scary.
A little puff of cloud where the moon used to be.
Chuck-will's-widow's callin' every night -
A face like a dragon and a song like a light.
A nail through the heart of a Chinaberry tree.
You're tearin' at my heartstrings.
I'm gonna fly away home.

Down at the river splashin' in the water
Neath the watchful eye of the cotton farmer's daughter.
Daddy's in the Philippines knockin' on wood.
Coal-loaded train I'd catch you if I could
I'll ride on your belly like a mad peckerwood.
Your whistle's out of tune but you...but you sound so good.
You're tearin' at my heartstrings.
I'll fly away home.