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[Intro]

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[Chorus]

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

D Take away these chains from me A

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

D Lord, take away these chains from me A D

[Verse 1]

Some bird feathers are too bright to be caged
I know I'm not that colorful but a bird just the same
Open up your gate now let me put down my load
So I can feel at ease and go back to my home

[Chorus]

[Verse 2]

D 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 A
D I've got nine children, nothin' in the pan G
D My wife she died hungry while I was plowin' land A D

[Chorus]

[Instrumental]

D-G-D-A D-G-D-A-D

[Verse 3]

D 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 A
D Every year I just keep getting deeper in debt G
D If there's a happy day, Lord, I haven't seen one yet A D

[Chorus]

[Verse 4]

Land that I love is the land that I'm workin'
But it's hard to love it all the time when your back is a-hurtin'
Gettin' too old now to push this here plow
Please let me lay down so I can look at the clouds

[Chorus]

[Instrumental]

D-G-D-A D-G-D-A-D

[Verse 5]

The land that I know is where two rivers collide
The Brazos, the Navasota and the big blue sky
Flood plains, freight trains, watermelon vines
Of any place on God's green earth, this is where I choose to die

[Chorus]

[Outro]

D-G-D-A D-G-D-A-D