

Death Letter Blues

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I received a letter that my man was dyin'
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I caught the first plane and went home flyin'

When I got there, the folks had gathered around
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His eyes was set and his face was full of frowns

He wasn't dead, but he was slowly dyin'
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And to think of him I just can't help from cryin'

I followed my daddy to the buryin' ground
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I watched the pall bearers slowly let him down

That was the last time I saw my daddy's face
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Mama love you, sweet papa, but I wish I could take your place

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