Ko-Ko Joe

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(Ko-ko Joe)(Ko-ko Joe)(Ko-ko Joe)Uhh!(Ko-ko Joe)Go ahead home.(Ko-ko Joe)Up in Appaloosa county,There's a place called Ko-ko Ridge.Sittin' right on the bend,On the Etowah RiverWhere the water washed away the bridge.Cotton Mouth Country.(Ko-ko Joe)A river rat's knee high,
(Ko-ko Joe)Way up around the back border,Lived a man,That the river folks talked about.They said you better stay away from Ko-ko Joe,'Cause he's cause he's crazy no account.(Ko-ko Joe)They called him the Etowah River swamp rat,The folks despised him.(Ko-ko Joe)Ko-ko Joe,He was an awfully peculiar man.The river was his only friend.And the folks didn't understand,The man called Ko-ko Joe.(Ko-ko Joe)(Ko-ko Joe)
He'd eat monkey meat and mashed potatoes.He drunk a brew called Mo-jo Claw.That he beat outa roots from old dead stumps,On the banks of the Etowah.Made him walk a little funny(Ko-ko Joe)Made his breath smell funky.(Ko-ko Joe)Well he never come across the river,'Cause the folks didn't like him in town.They said his hair was long,His clothes were dirty,They didn't want him hangin' around.They called him the Etowah River rat,The folks despised him.(Ko-ko Joe)Ko-ko Joe,He was an awfully peculiar man.The river was his only friend.And the folks didn't understand,The man called Ko-ko Joe.(Ko-ko Joe)(Ko-ko Joe)Well it happened a year ago Sunday,And they still talk about it today,How the dam broke loose,On the Etowah RiverNearly washin' everybody away.The river water rising,(Ko-ko Joe)Washin' up all the bushes,(Ko-ko Joe)Well the headlines said,How a mother said, my son woulda lost his life,But he was pulled from the mud in the Etowah River,By the man y'all despised.(Ko-ko Joe)Ko-ko Joe,They called him the Etowah River rat,The folks despised him.(Ko-ko Joe)Ko-ko Joe,So be careful what you say, my friend,About folks you don't understand.Someday you might need a man like Ko-ko Joe.(Ko-ko Joe)Go ahead home son,(Ko-ko Joe)Ko-ko Joe,They called him the Etowah River rat,The folks despised him.

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