## **Cypress Grove**

## **Skip James**

I would rather to be buried

In some cypress grove

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Than to have a contrary woman

Lord, I never can controlAnd when yo' knee bones

Go to achin'

An your body gettin' cold

When yo' knee bones

Go to achin'

And yo' body gettin' cold

You know, you jes' gettin' ready

Honey, for some cypress groveThen I would rather be buried

Six feet in the clay

Then I would rather to be buried

Six feet in the clay

Then to be way up here

In New York City

Honey, treated this't-a-wayAn I will drink muddy water

I'll sleep in a hollow log

I will drink muddy water

Sleep in a hollow log

Befo' I stay up here

Honey, treated like a dogYes, I'm goin' away

Honey, don't you want to go?

Yes, I'm goin' away

Honey, don't you wants to go?

I'm scared to go back down south

Them people goin' kill me, sho'I'm gonna sing this song

An I ain't goin' to sing no mo'

I'm goin' to sing this song, an I

I ain't goin' to sing no mo'

Because my time has done got precious

Baby, Lord, just got

I've got to go, yeah.~

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