Sing the Delta

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So you're headed down a Southern way,
passing thru the Delta some time today?
In my mind, pictures line the walls
of a place I used to know, and vividly recall
I love you so much, and you sure sing good
and it would mean so much to me, if you would
Sing the Delta a love song for me!It's the land where the cotton used to grow
that owns a piece of my heart and soul.
It's where my people, on both sides, going back
eked-out a liven' farmin' and fillin' them ole' cotton sacks.
Dad took us West when I was a little child.
But it's in my blood, and it's still flowing strong and wild.
Sing the Delta a love song for me!Sing the Delta a love song for me!
Lay it down on that ole river, let it roll on out to the sea!
The Delta lived in my Momma's voice and in her hands
it's a language my spirit understands, so
Sing the Delta a love song for me?You give it all just the way your Daddy does,
you both got your demons, but they're cloaked in love.
And I know that life's puttin' your callin' to the test,
But you've got somethin' that sets you right up 'long side the very best.
So take that heart, good as Heaven ever made,
and that voice that lays like August in the shade,
and sing the Delta a love song for me!Sing the Delta a love song for me!
Let it rock that old cradle and roll on out to sea.
I've been West, I've been East and North,
from that sweetness I just can't ever divorce,
Sing the Delta a love song for me.

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