

Gulf Coast Highway

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Gulf coast highway, he worked the rails
He worked the rice fields with their cold dark wells
He worked the oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico
The only thing we've ever owned is this old house here by the road
And when he dies, he says he'll catch some blackbird's wing
He will fly away to heaven, come some sweet blue bonnet spring
She walked through springtime when I was
home
The days were sweet, the nights were warm
The seasons changed, the jobs would come
The flowers fade and this old house felt so alone
When the work took me away
And when she dies, she says she'll catch some blackbird's wing
And she will fly away to heaven, come some sweet blue bonnet spring
Highway 90, the jobs are gone
We tilled our garden, we set the sun
This is the only place on earth blue bonnets grow
And once a year they come and go at this old house here by the road
And when we die, we say we'll catch some blackbird's wing
And we will fly away to heaven, come some sweet blue bonnet spring
Yes, when we die, we say we'll catch
some blackbird's wing
And we will fly away together, come some sweet blue bonnet spring

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