

PICKED UP A HAMMER

Traditional

4th Verse by Joe LaMay

I was born in West Virginia
Times were tough - I couldn't buy bread
Saw a little whistle pig comin' up the holler
Picked up a hammer and knocked him in the head
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Worked all day diggin' taters
I was glad to get in bed
Ten little bugs was in there with me
Picked up a hammer and knocked him 'em the head
Picked up a hammer and knocked him 'em the head

Old Bill Wilson lost his sweetheart
Old Bill wished that he was dead
Thought I'd do old Bill a favor
Picked up a hammer and knocked him in the head
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I took sick late last Friday
"Ya don't have long" the doctor said
But when I seen old Death a'comin
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