

# Cotton Eyed Joe

Cotton-Eyed Joe  
Traditional

## 1. Antebellum Lyric Version:

G C G D G  
'Way back yonder a long time ago, Daddy had a man called Cotton-Eyed Joe.  
G C G D G  
Blew into town on a travelin' show, nobody danced like the Cotton-Eyed Joe

## CHORUS:

G Em  
Cotton-Eyed Joe, Cotton-Eyed Joe  
G D G  
Where did you come from, where did you go?  
G Em  
Where did you come from, where did you go?  
G D G  
Where did you come from, Cotton-Eyed Joe?

Mama's at the window, Mama's at the door,  
She can't see nothin' but the Cotton-Eyed Joe.  
Daddy held the fiddle, I held the bow,  
An' we beat the hell out of Cotton-Eyed Joe.

## CHORUS:

Made himself a a fiddle, made himself a bow.  
Made a little tune called "Cotton-Eyed Joe".  
Hadn't oughta been for Cotton-Eyed Joe,  
I'd a-been married a long time ago.

## CHORUS:

### Verse 4:

Whenever there's a dance all the women want to go,  
And they all want to dance with the Cotton-Eyed Joe.  
Daddy won't say, but I think he knows,  
Whatever happened to Cotton-Eyed Joe.