

Mississippi Boll Weevil Blues
Charley Patton

Standard tuning approximation	
e	---0---3---0---0--- ---0---3---3---0---0---
B	---0---2---2---0--- ---0---0---0---2---0---
G	---1---1---1---1--- ---1---1---1---1---
D	---2---0---0---0--- ---2---0---0---2---0---
A	---2---2---2---2--- ---2---2---2---2---
E	---0---0---0---0--- ---0---0---0---0---

B
Sees a little boll weevil keeps movin' in the air, Lordie!
You can plant your cotton and you won't get a half a bale, Lordie

Bo weevil, bo weevil, where's your native home? Lordie
"A-Louisiana raised in Texas, is where I was bred and born", Lordie

Well, I saw the bo weevil, Lord, a-circle in the air, Lordie
The next time I seed him, Lord, he had his family there, Lordie

Bo weevil left Texas, Lord, he bid me "fare ye well",
I'm goin' down the Mississippi, gonna give Louisiana hell, Lordie

Bo weevil told the farmer that "I 'ain't got ticket fare", Lordie
Suck all the blossoms and he leave your hedges square, Lordie
The next time I seed you, you know you had your family there, Lordie

Bo weevil meet his wife, "We can sit down on the hill", Lordie
Bo weevil told his wife, "Let's trade this forty in", Lordie

Bo weevil told his wife, says, "I believe I may go North", Lordie
"Let's leave Louisiana, we can go to Arkansas", Lordie

Well, I saw the bo weevil, Lord a-circle, Lord, in the air, Lordie
Next time I seed him, Lord, he had his family there, Lordie

Bo weevil told the farmer that "I 'ain't got ticket fare", Lordie
Sucks all the blossom and leave your hedges square, Lordie

Bo weevil, bo weevil, where your native home? Lordie
"Most anywhere they raise cotton and corn", Lordie

Bo weevil, bo weevil, "Outta treat me fair", Lordie
The next time I did you had your family there, Lordie

Tuning: Open G (DGDGBD)

*The original recording is in open B, but you're better off putting a capo on fourth fret than trying to tune your guitar up that high. This song should be played with a slide. The notes in parentheses are optional, Charley throws them in a couple times.

Bo weevil, bo weevil, where's your native home?

D|-----/5-----|-----|---(5)-(5)-(5)---|-(5)-(5)-(3/5)---/8-|
B|-----/5)---|-----0-----|-----|
G|-----|-----0-----|o-----|
D|-----|-----0-----|o-----0-----|-----0-----|
G|-0-----|---0-----0-----|---0-----0-----|---0-----0-----|
D|-----|-----|-----|-----|

Lordie

D|-----8\5-----|-----/17---|17---17---(15/17)-----|
B|-----/6---|-----|
G|-----|-----|
D|-----0-----0-----|---0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----|
G|-0-----0-----|---0-----0-----|---0-----0-----|
D|-----|-----|-----|-----|

D|-/8-----|-----0-----||
B|-----/8-----|-----0-----0-----||
G|-----|-----0-----0-----o||
D|-----0-----0-----|-----0-----0-----o||
G|---0-----0-----|---0-----0-----||
D|-----|-----|-----|