

Willie Jones

The Charlie Daniels Band

[Intro]

D C G D 2x

[Verse 1]

D G
Willie Jones was a man I met when I lived in Baltimore
Em A
I was a guard and he was doing time
D G
In the three long years he stayed there I got to know him well
Em A D
Willie Jones he was a friend of mine

[Chorus]

C
He used to say buddy you know where
G
I m going when they let me out of here
E A
Alabama could be heaven if the Lord was there
D
And he talked about the south-land
G
Though he d drifted from its shores
Em A D
I never seen a man who loved it more

D C G D 2x

[Verse 2]

D G
He talked about the whippoorwills in the Alabama night
Em A
Honeysuckle vine and sugar cane
D G
Swimming holes and fishing poles and early morning frost
Em A D
And sleeping under a tin roof when it rained
D G
He talked about a country road and a cabin in the pines
Em A
And a girl with wavy long chestnut brown hair
D G
He talked about the beauty of his Blue Ridge Mountain home
Em A D
And darn near made me think that I was there

[Chorus]

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Em

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D C G D 4x

[Verse 3]

D

G

It s been almost a years now since that hot night in July

Em

A

Willie hit the guard and jumped the fence

D

G

I had my rifle ready but I couldn t let it fly

Em

A

D

I shot over his head and we ain t seen him since

D

G

Then last week the postman brought a letter to my door

Em

A

Marked No Return Address and No Reply

D

It just said nobody north of Birmingham

G

Is going to see this boy again

Em

A

D

But if you re ever down our way won t you please drop by

[Chorus]

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