

**Roosevelt And Ira Lee**  
**Tony Joe White**

Tony Joe White - Roosevelt And Ira Lee

(Spoken word:)

This is about two cats  
They re sitting down by a river in the swamps  
They re sitting on a log  
One of them is kind of a big fellow  
And the other one is a little bit smaller and he s got a long-billed cap  
And they re sitting there pondering on what they re gonna do for the night  
And anything the big guy decides on the little guy s for  
Cause he digs him he s cool  
So it s called Roosevelt and Ira Lee

(Blues riff in **E**)

**E**

The river was dark and muddy  
And the moon was on the rise  
And all of the creatures in the swampland  
Had woke up to feed for the night  
Roosevelt and Ira Lee were sitting there on a log  
Ira Lee turned to Roosevelt and said  
I d sure like to have a mess of bullfrog

**E G A E**

He said yeah yeah lawd sure would taste good

**E**

So they slipped on their rubber boots  
And walked down to the water s edge  
And right away they knew that the night would be a bummer

**E G A**

Cause Ira Lee stepped on a water moccasin he said ugh ugh lawd

**E**

Somebody help me

**E**

Ira Lee turned to Roosevelt when he quit his screaming and kicking  
And he said let s forget about those bullfrog legs  
And go out and steal us some chickens  
And Old Roosevelt said like this now

**E G A E**

Yeah yeah ooh it sure would taste good  
Yes it would, I love my chicken  
The river was dark and muddy