

## HOME TO JESSE

Jesse lived on Kettle Creek where the water boiled and bubbled  
Where he could drink all day and no one gave him any trouble  
Katie Lee belonged to him since they was kids a flirtin'  
He's ask her if she loved him, then he'd beat her to make certain

And I was a God fearing man,  
When Satan came to test me  
But Jesus wouldn't lift a hand,  
When Kate went Home to Jesse

Katie Lee, she'd come to me in all her ragged glory  
Whimper through the black and blue and tell the same old story  
Asked if she could spend the night, asked me just to holder  
Then she's head for home again as soon as he was sober

And while I held her in my arms,  
Dark wicked thoughts possessed me  
I never thought I'd do no harm  
'Til Kate went home to Jesse

And I begged her please, got down on my knees  
Please don't go home to Jesse

One Sunday Katie came to me far worse than any other  
She asked me not to touch her as she trembled 'neath the covers  
When finally she fell asleep, I snuck out quick and clever  
Now Jesse will be tasting his own medicine forever

They said that I'd pay with my life  
When the law came to arrest me  
But they ain't never found the knife  
That I drove home to Jesse

And if there ever dawns a day  
That the preacher comes to bless me  
I'll tell that hangman straight away  
Just send me home to Jesse  
If I ever swing, I'm gonna dance and sing  
Just send me home to Jesse