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I Wanna Go Back to Dixie

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(Tom Lehrer)

I wanna go back to Dixie, take me back to dear ol' Dixie,
That's the only li'l ol' place for li'l ol' me.
Ol' times there are not forgotten, whuppin' slaves and sellin' cotton,
And waitin' for the Robert E. Lee (it was never there on time.)
I'll go back to the Swanee, where pellagra makes you scrawny,
And the honeysuckle clutters up the vine.
I really am a-fixin' to go home and start a-mixin'
Down below that Mason-Dixon line.
Oh, poll tax, how I love you, how I love you, my dear ol' poll tax.
Won'tcha come with me to Alabammy, back to the arms of my dear ol' Mammy,
her cookin's lousy and her hands are clammy, but what the hell, it's home.

Yes, for paradise the Southland is my nominee.
Jes' give me a ham hock and a grit of hominy.
I wanna go back to Dixie, I wanna be a Dixie pixie
And eat corn pone till it's comin' out of my ears.
I wanna talk with Southern gentlemen and put that white sheet on again,
I ain't seen one good lynchin' in years.
The land of the boll weevil, where the laws are medieval,
Is callin' me to come and nevermore roam.
I wanna go back to the Southland, that "y'all" and "shet-ma-mouth" land,
Be it ever so decadent, there's no place like home.

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