

# Free Cousin Billy

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*E E A E*  
Free Cousin Billy from Liberty, Mississippi  
*E E B7 B7*  
Free Cousin Billy so he can take his mama back home.  
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Aunt LorEmma wanted her ashes sprinkled on Waikiki's beaches  
*E B7 E E*  
Billy just wants to finally do right by his mom.

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A young woman back in the 50s escaped Liberty, Mississippi  
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Headed out west and made the islands her home  
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Times were good and times were plenty, she and her man started a family  
*E B7 E*  
First a baby girl and then Cousin Billy was born.

Turns out Bill, he was a rounder. Pills or pot, he'd use whatever  
Would drive away the demons that tortured his mind.  
Every time a jailer would free him, Aunt LorEnma'd be there to greet him.  
Take care of her baby and help him carry on.

On a last ditch try to save Billy, they went back to Liberty, Mississippi  
Life in the country would cure what ailed him.  
But you know what they say about rounders, if there's trouble around they'll find it  
Billy found trouble and the Amite County sheriff found him.

Now Billy sits in Liberty's jail cell, think' 'bout a life that didn't go well.  
Thinking about the past, thinking about his long-suffering mom.  
Every time a jailer would free him, Aunt LorEmma'd be there to greet him.  
Take care of her baby and help him carry on.

Pills, pot, or power, Old Billy he'd use whatever  
Would drive away the demons that tortured his mind.  
But now he's stuck in between four falls and his mama, she can't take his phone calls  
Billy's all alone and won't be making any more rides.

He'd take a plane but he ain't got a passport. He'd drive but he ain't got a license.  
He'd walk but the sheriff'd stop him at the county line.  
So he's stuck down in Amite County, there's no need to put out a bounty.  
Billy just sits with his mam's ashes by his side.

