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"FB Eye Blues"

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## Red Clay Blues

*I miss that red clay, Lawd, I  
Need to feel it on my shoes.  
Says miss that red clay, Lawd, I  
Need to feel it on my shoes.  
I want to see Georgia, cause I  
Got them red clay blues.*

*Pavement's hard on my feet. I'm  
Tired o'this concrete street.  
Pavement's hard on my feet, I'm  
Tired o'this city street.  
Goin' back to Georgia where  
That red clay can't be beat.*

*I want to tramp in the red mud, Lawd, and  
Feel the red clay round my toes.  
I want to wade in the red mud,  
Feel that red clay suckin' at my toes.  
I want my little farm back and I  
Don't care where that landlord goes.*

*I want to be in Georgia, when the  
Big storms start to blow.  
Yes I want to be in Georgia when that  
Big storm starts to blow.  
I want to see the landlords runnin' cause I  
Wonder where they gonna go!*

*I got them red clay blues.*

## The FB Eye Blues

*That old FB eye  
Tied a bell to my bed stall  
Said old FB eye  
Tied a bell to my bed stall  
Each time I love my baby, gover'ment knows it all.*

*Woke up this morning  
FB eye under my bed  
Said I woke up this morning  
FB eye under my bed  
Told me all I dreamed last night, every word I said.*

*Everywhere I look, Lord  
I see FB eyes  
Said everywhere I look, Lord  
I find FB eyes  
I'm getting sick and tired of gover'ment spies.*

*My mama told me  
A rotten egg'll never fry  
Said my mama told me  
A rotten egg'll never fry  
And everybody knows a cheating dog'll never thrive.*

*Got them blues, blues, blues  
Them mean old FB eye blues  
Said I got them blues, blues, blues  
Them dirty FB eye blues  
Somebody tell me something, some good news.*