

smoke and they going to give me that green goods. Either a yard or two or three or four yards like that. That's the only thing I ask for. And they say, "how what else we going to pay you when you get this boy, this girl, this women well." and I say, "That's what I call for--just the green goods. And if he gets well or she gets well, it's up to you." If you think I get that person well, I say it's up to you. Whatever you all want to give me." But I'm not going to say I want this and that and that and I want so much money, I'm not going to say that because that's what my father told me. He said, "Don't you ever ask for anything." He said, "It's going to be given to you. I don't care what anybody say, it's going to be given to you." And up to today I never did buy shoes. For six, seven, or eight years. Last May, it was my birthday Joey bought me two pairs of shoes. I didn't ask him for it, he just went and got them. It was on my birthday in May he got those. I was seventy years old in May, on May the 20th. Was my birthday, and that's what he got for me. I didn't know he got them for me. And just like that. Now up to today, when anybody give to me--they give me blanket or any kind of goods, I ain't supposed to keep it. It's like anybody come in here and want me to doctor them--well if they give me something like that and I have to give it away to the ones that are right here close to me and whatever that's left that's mine. It like somebody come here and I doctor them and they get well and they come in and pile things up here for me and those girls out there, I call them and say, "Here you all. Take your choice out of this." And whatever they leave, that's mine. And that's the way I get my things today and that was my father's words, what he told me to do and my father done that. And the meaning of that song is whatever I wish, I'm going to get it. I don't care what it is. That's the way my dad taught me this song.