

Jug Band Music

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VERSE 1:

I was down in Savannah, eatin' cream and bananas, when the heat just made me faint.
I began to get cross-eyed, thought I was lost, I'd begun to see things as they ain't.
As the relatives gathered to see what's the matter, the doctor came to see was I dyin'
But the doctor said, "Give him jug band music. It seems to make him feel just fine."

REFRAIN 1:

I was told a little tale about a skinny-as-a-rail, eight-foot cowboy with a headache.
He was hung up in the desert swattin' rats and tryin' to get
A drink of water with his knees a-gettin' mud-caked.
And I'll tell you in a sentence how he stumbled in to Memphis,
Tennessee, hardly crawlin', lookin' dust-baked.
We gave him a little water, a little bit of wine
He opened up his eyes, but they didn't seem to shine.
Then the doctor said, "Give him jug band music. It seems to make him feel just fine."

VERSE 2:

So if you ever get sickly, get Sis to run quickly to the dusty closet shelf.
And pull out a washboard, and play a guitar chord and do a little do-it-yourself.
Call on your neighbors to put down their labors & come and play the hardware in time.
'Cause the doctor said, "Give him jug band music, it seems to make him feel just fine."

REFRAIN 2:

I was floatin' in the ocean greased with suntan lotion when I got wiped out by a beach boy.
He was surfen' when he hit me but jumped off his board to get me
And he dragged me by the armpit like a child's toy.
As we staggered into land with all the waiters eatin' sandwiches
He tried to mooch a towel from the hoi polloi.
He emptied out his eardrums, I emptied out mine & everybody knows that the very last line
Is "the doctor said, 'Give him jug band music. It seems to make him feel just fine!'"

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