

COTTON FIELDS

words & music by Huddie Ledbetter known as Leadbelly 1940

Key: G **Start note:** G **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** D- du -u du (calypso)
(or D du D du)

Intro: D7 /// D7 /// G /// G↓ 2, 3, 4



G
 1. When I was a little bitty baby
 My ^{*}mama would rock me in the cradle
 In them old..... cotton fields back home **D7** *D7*

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BRIDGE:

C
When them cotton bolls get rotten
G
You can't pick very much cotton
D7 *D7*
In them ole cotton fields back home
G
It was down in Louisiana
C **G**
Just about a mile from Texarkana
D7 **G** *G*
In them ole cotton fields back home (~~Repeat from top~~)
D7 **G** **G↓ D7↓ G↓**
In them ole cotton fields back home

(* Means only two beats in that bar)

Extra Verses by Leadbelly:

G
It may sound a little funny
C G
But you didn't make very much money
D7
In them old cotton fields back home
G
It may sound a little funny
C G
But you didn't make very much money
D7 G
In them old cotton fields back home

G
I was home in Arkansas
C G
People ask me what you come here for
D7
In them old cotton fields back home
G
I was home in Arkansas
C G
People ask me what you come here for
D7 G
In the old cotton fields back home

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