

## Cotton-eyed Joe

*Traditional*

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1. **If it hadn't been for Cotton-eyed Joe,  
I'd been married a long time ago,  
Where did you come from, where did you go?  
Where did you come from, Cotton-eyed Joe?**

*chorus:* **Where did you come from, where did you go?  
Where did you come from, Cotton-eyed Joe?  
Where did you come from, where did you go?  
Where did you come from, Cotton-eyed Joe?**

2. **He came to town like a midwinter storm,  
He rode through the fields, so handsome and strong,  
His eyes was his tools and his smile was his gun,  
But all he had come for was having some fun.**
3. **He brought disaster wherever he went,  
The hearts of the girls was to hell, broken, sent,  
They all ran away so nobody would know,  
And left only men 'cause of Cotton-eyed Joe.**

*additional verses*

4. **Way back yonder a long time ago,  
Daddy had a man called Cotton-eyed Joe,  
Blew into town in a travelin' show,  
Nobody danced like Cotton-eyed Joe.**
5. **Mama's at the window, Mama's at the door,  
She can't see nothin' but Cotton-eyed Joe,  
Daddy held the fiddle, I held the bow,  
And we beat the hell out of Cotton-eyed Joe.**
6. **Made himself a fiddle, made himself a bow,  
Made a little tune called Cotton-eyed Joe,  
Hadn'y oughta' been for Cotton-eyed Joe,  
I'd have been married a long time ago.**
7. **Whenever there's a dance all the women want to go,  
They all want to dance with Cotton-eyed Joe,  
Daddy won't say but I think he knows,  
What ever happened to Cotton-eyed Joe.**