



Will Julian Band

1. Darling Nellie Gray (01:13)

<Band plays a tune with guitars and banjos that has a bluegrass feel>

W. Julian: [Hard and long] green [grasses] on the old Kentucky [shore]. Well [was] many happy hours away. I went around a'singing around everybody's door. Where do my darling Nellie go?

<Others began to back up W. Julian, but are singing something incomprehensible>

W. Julian: Oh my poor Nellie's grave, up and [have a better day], but they'll never take these from me anymore. Oh I hear the angels singing as I near my Nellie's grave. Oh where do my old [????] get home.

<Singing by himself again>

W. Julian: When the moon climb the mountain and the stars shine [in June] and...*<music fades out>*.

2. Wildwood Flower (00:51)

<This song is strictly instrumental. It is again solely stringed instruments playing a bluegrass tune>

3. Home Sweet Home (00:44)

*<This song is strictly instrumental. It is again solely stringed instruments playing a bluegrass tune similar to **Wildwood Flower** >*

4. Shortnin' Bread (00:47)

<The band plays a slightly faster tune than those previous. Occasionally a band member will sing or say a few words, but it is drowned out by the music>

5. Hard Luck Blues (02:39)

<This song is narrated by Jep C. Elrod>

J. Elrod: *<a guitar playing>* Well folks I was born in to hard luck, ain't no doubt about it. I was born in the last month in the year, last week in the month, last day in the week, last hour in the day, last minute in the hour, last second in the minute, just to tell you the truth about it, I like to not got here at all. Boy I was born in to hard luck. I got a job in a grocery store and the lady came in and I said, 'Something for you ma'am?' She said, 'Young man how's your butter today?' I said, 'Oh lady my butter's butter today.' She said, 'I'm glad to here that, that pound you sold me yesterday was axle grease.' So I was born in hard luck, the boss run me off. I got another job though, in a department store. A lady came in, I said, 'Something for you ma'am?' She said, 'Yes young man. I'd like to see your underwear.' I said, 'Lady you are going to have to excuse me this time, but the weather is just so hot I ain't got on none.' *<laughs>* My boss he run me off down there. Boy I was born into hard luck. I got me another job though in a department store and the lady came in, I said, 'Something for you ma'am,' and she said, 'Yes I want to get a pair of hose.' I said 'What size ma'am?' She said, 'I declare I don't know,' and while we was arguing the boss said, 'Let the lady get over there behind the counter, and try on a pair of hose, and the first one of you young men [quick] I catch-a-looking, I'm gonna fire him.' Well after I lost that job. I was born in hard luck, ain't no doubt about it *<laughs>*. I got me another job though-I was pretty lucky to get jobs-in a ladies shoe store. All I had to do down there-was an easy job-when the ladies tried on the shoes, I tied up the laces. I got above my job a little down there and the boss run me off there. I was born in hard luck, ain't no doubt about it. *<laughs>*