

Ode to Billy Joe-- Bobbie Gentry

1d 2b 2d / 2b 2d 2d / 2b 2d 2b 2d 3d** 2b 1d 2b 2d
It was the third of June, another sleepy, dusty Delta day.

1d 2b 2d / 2b 2d / 2b 1d 2d / 2b 2d 3d** 2b 1d 2b 2d
I was out chopping cotton and my brother was baling hay.

3d / 4b / 3d 4b 3d 4b / / 4d 3d 3b 3d
And at dinner time we stopped and walked back to the house to eat.

1d 3d 2d / / / 2b 1d 2b 2d / 2b 2d 3d** 2b 1d 2b 2d
And Mama hollered out the back door "y'all remember to wipe your feet,"

3d / / 4b 3d 4b 3d 4b 3d 4b / 3d 4b 4d 3d 3b 3d
And then she said "I got some news this morning from Choctaw Ridge,"

4d 5b 7d 6b 5d 6b 5d 4d 4b 4b 3d* 4b 3d* 4b 3d* 2d
"Today, Billy Joe MacAllister jumped off the Tallahatchie Bridge."