

CRAWDAD

Traditional Old-Time Breakdown and Song **DATE:** Early 1900's **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Song **RECORDING INFO:** Gus Cannon; Woody Guthrie; Doc Watson; Poplin Family **OTHER NAMES:** "You Get A Line and I'll Get a Pole;" "The Crow-Fish Man;" "Sweet Thing;" "Honey;" "Honey Babe;" "The Crowdad Song" **NOTES:** "Crowdad" is a "white blues" with three repeating lines and one answering line with the tag "honey babe/sweet child of mine". This 16 measure "blues" form is widely known and used in many variants.

E
 You get a line and I'll get a pole, Hon - ey.

B7
 You get a line and I'll get a pole, Babe,

E E7 A
 You get a line and I'll get a pole, And we'll go fish-in' by the craw - dad hole,

E B7 E
 Hon - ey, sug - er ba - - - by mine.

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E
 Get up old man, you slept too late, honey
B7
 Get up old man, you slept too late, babe
E E7
 Get up old man, you slept too late
A E B7 E
 Last piece of Crowdad's on your plate, Honey, sugar baby, mine.

Watcha gonna do when the creek runs dry, honey
 Watcha gonna do when the creek runs dry, babe.
 Watcha gonna do when the creek runs dry
 Sit on the banks and watch the crawdads die, Honey, sugar baby, mine.

Yonder comes a man with a sack on his back, honey
 Yonder comes a man with a sack on his back, babe
 Yonder comes a man with a sack on his back
 He's got more crawdads than he can pack, Honey, sugar baby, mine.