

# YOUNG MAN WHO WOULDN'T HOE CORN

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** 1916 (Cox); **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Buster Carter & Preston Young, "A Lazy Farmer Boy" (Columbia 15702, 1931); Possum Hunters; Canebreak Rattlers; Oscar Brand; Ritchie Family of Kentucky; Alison Krauss and Union Station; **OTHER NAMES:** A Lazy Farmer Boy; The Lazy Man; Harm Link; Lazy Young Man, Georgia Boy. **NOTES:** The first recording of "Young Man Who Wouldn't Hoe Corn" is entitled "A Lazy Farmer Boy" by Buster Carter & Preston Young on Columbia 15702 (1931) with Preston Young - vocal and guitar; and Posey Rorer - fiddle. Bluegrass versions by Richard Greene and lately by Alison Krauss and Union Station. It is related to 'Wind Blew the Bonnie Lassie's Plaidie Awa'.

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**G** I'll sing you a song and it's not very long, It's about a young man who wouldn't hoe corn  
**G B7 Em D Em**  
 The reason why I cannot tell, For this young man was always well.

He planted his corn in the month of June, And by July it was knee-high  
 First of September there came a big frost, And all this young man's corn was lost.

He went to the fence and there peeked in, The weeds and the grass grew up to his chin;  
 The weeds and the grass they grew so high, It caused this young man for to sigh.

He went down to his neighbor's door, Where he had often been before,  
 Saying "Pretty little miss, will you marry me? Pretty little miss what do you say?"

"Here you are a-wanting for to wed, And cannot make your own cornbread  
 Single I am and single I'll remain, A lazy man I won't maintain."

Well he went down to a pretty little widder, And I hope by heck that he don't get her.  
 She gave him the mitten as sure as you're born, And all because he wouldn't hoe corn.