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BLUES AWAY

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The rain drops on the tin roof
Firewood stacked to the ceiling
The old man shivers
Listening to the wind

He picks up an old guitar
Plays a long, slow lick of blues
The stories in his song are warm
The feeling in his voice is true

The moon emerged, the black sky broke
The old man stopped the rain
His music told the wind to blow
Then the clouds blew away

He passed on off to sleep
His six-string aglow on the floor
The fire crackled a melody
The guitar played "Sweet Lanore"

It sang blues away
No more pain today
Time to slip away
Time to go away.