

# California Cotton Fields - Phil Leadbetter

Bluegrass Contemporary, Key of **B<sup>b</sup>** My Key: \_\_\_\_

**INTRO:** 1 5 , 7<sup>b</sup> 4 , 4 5 , 1 , 1

My 1 driftin' memory 5 goes back to the 7<sup>b</sup> spring of forty 4 three

When 1 I was just a child in Mama's 5 arms

My 1 daddy ploughed the 5 ground and prayed

Some- 7<sup>b</sup> day that we might 4 leave

This 1 rundown mortgaged, 5 Oklahoma 1 farm

And 5 then one day I heard my daddy 4 say, to my 1 mom

2 That he'd finally saved enough to 5 go

1 California 5 was his dream of 7<sup>b</sup> paradise for 4 we had seen

1 Pictures, in 5 magazines had 1 told him so

**CHORUS:** 1 Ca,li- 4 for,nia 5 cottonfields

Where 4 labor camps were 5 filled with worried

4 Men with broken 1 dreams,

1 Ca,li- 4 for,nia 5 cottonfields

As 4 close to wealth as 5 Daddy, ever 1 came

**INSTRUMENTAL:** 1 5 , 7<sup>b</sup> 4 , 1 , 5 , 1 5 , 7<sup>b</sup> 4 , 1 5 , 1 , 1

Well 1 almost every- 5 thing we had, was 7<sup>b</sup> sold or left be- 4 hind

From my 1 daddy's plow to the fruit that mama 5 canned

1 Some folks came to 5 say farewell

To 7<sup>b</sup> see what all, we 4 had to sell

1 Some came to 5 shake my daddy's 1 hand

**VERSE 4:**

Hey the 5 Model A, was loaded down and 4 California 1 bound

With 2 change in scene, just four days a- 5 way

And the 1 only change that 5 I remember, 7<sup>b</sup> seein' in my 4 daddy

Was 1 when his dark hair 5 turned, to silver 1 gray

**CHORUS / INSTRUMENTAL** without last measure

**REPEAT VERSE 4** but "luck" instead of "scene"

**CHORUS**

**OUTRO:** 4 5 , 1