

# Lazy John

Traditional

**Key:** D     **Feel:** Medium, steady groove (4/4)

          A                          D  
Work all week in the noon day sun  
          A                          D  
Fifteen cents when Saturday comes  
          A                          D  
Goin to a dance to have some fun  
          A                          D  
Why don't you get away lazy John

## CHORUS

          G          A  
Lazy John, lazy John  
  D  
Why don't you get your day's work all done  
          G                          A  
You're in the shade and I'm in the sun  
  D  
Why don't you get away lazy John

Every night when I come home  
Peas in the pot and the old jawbone  
Here today and tomorrow he's gone  
Why don't you get away lazy John

## CHORUS

I woke up at the break of day  
Down to the fields try to earn my pay  
Then much later you came along  
Why don't you get away, Lazy John

## CHORUS

Goin to a dance on Saturday night  
Ain't coming home 'til the broad daylight  
Then I'll take my darling back home  
Why don't you get away lazy John

## CHORUS

*Verses may be omitted, reordered, or rewritten by students.*

*Form Reference (Roman Numerals)*

## Verse Form

$\frac{4}{4}$  | V | I | V | I |  
| V | I | V | I |

## Chorus Form

| IV | V | V | I |  
| IV | V | V | I |

*(In this key: I = D    IV = G    V = A)*