

Crawdad

USA

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1. You get a line and I'll get a pole, — ho - ney,
you get a line and I'll get a pole, — babe. ———
You get a line and I'll get a pole, and we'll go down to the craw-dad hole, —
ho - ney, sug - ar ba - - - - by mine.

2. Get up old man, you slept too late, honey,
get up old man, you slept too late, babe.
Get up old man, you slept too late, last piece of crawdad's on your plate,
honey, sugar baby mine.
3. Get up old woman, you slept too late, honey,
get up old woman, you slept too late, babe.
Get up old woman, you slept too late, crawdad man done passed your gate,
honey, sugar baby mine.
4. Along come a man with a sack on his back, honey,
along come a man with a sack on his back, babe.
Along come a man with a sack on his back, packin' all the crawdads he can pack,
honey, sugar baby mine.
5. What you gonna do when the lake goes dry, honey,
what you gonna do when the lake goes dry, babe?
What you gonna do when the lake goes dry, sit on the bank and watch the crawdads die,
honey, sugar baby mine.
6. What you gonna do when the crawdads die, honey,
what you gonna do when the crawdads die, babe?
What you gonna do when the crawdads die, sit on the bank until I cry,
honey, sugar baby mine.
7. I heard the duck say to the drake, honey,
I heard the duck say to the drake, babe.
I heard the duck say to the drake, there ain't no crawdads in this lake,
honey, sugar baby mine.