Black Fly Moan

Peter Narvaez is a distinguished member of the Department of Folklore at the University of Newfoundland, one of the younger scholars who've expanded the boundaries of scholarship. He's also a hell of a guitar player and blues singer. Transcribers Scott Marshall and Michael Pollock have given you a good sense of how Narvaez plays it; be sure to get the fly buzz in the tenth verse of the introduction. Like the opening riff in "Satisfaction," it virtually makes the song.

When you're plant-ing in the spring,
well they'll swarm like a storm into your ear,

Down east when you're plant-ing in the spring,
Down yeah, they'll
Great God! when you're planting, just like a storm right into your
swarm

Spring, ear,

Well the black flies start their

Pranc'ing never on the wing want to hear

Third Verse:

And (yes, well) always have your citronella there (3x)
Keep them flies from tanglin' in your hair.