Well a poor boy took his father's bread and started down the ro ad

Started down the road

Took all he had and started down the road

Going out in this world, where God only knows

And that'll be the way to get along

Well poor boy spent all he had, famine come in the land Famine come in the land Spent all he had and famine come in the land Said: ''I believe I'll go and hire me to some man'' And that'll be the way I'll get along

Well, man said: ''I'll give you a job for to feed my swine
For to feed my swine
I'll give you a job for to feed my swine''
Boy stood there and hung his head and cried
`Cause that is no way to get along

Said: ''I believe I'll ride, believe I'll go back home Believe I'll go back home Believe I'll ride, believe I'll go back home Or down the road as far as I can go'' And that'll be the way to get along

Well, father said: ''See my son coming home to me Coming home to me''
Father ran and fell down on his knees
Said: ''Sing and praise, Lord have mercy on me''
Mercy

Oh poor boy stood there, hung his head and cried Hung his head and cried Poor boy stood and hung his head and cried Said: ''Father will you look on me as a child?'' Yeah

Well father said: ''Eldest son, kill the fatted calf, Call the family round
Kill that calf and call the family round
My son was lost but now he is found
'Cause that's the way for us to get along''
Hey