Well I quit my job down at the car wash

I left my mama a goodbye note.

By sundown I'd left Kingston with my guitar under my coat.

I hitch-hiked all the way down to Memphis

Got a room at the Y.M.C.A.

For the next three weeks I went a haunting them night clubs Looking for a place to play.

Well I thought my pickin' would set 'em on fire But nobody wanted to hire a quitar man.

Well I nearly 'bout starved to death down in Memphis

I run out of money and luck.

So I bought me a ride down to Macon Georgia

On a overloaded poultry truck.

I Thumbed on down to Panama City

Started pickin' out some of them all night bars

Hopin' I could make myself a dollar makin' music on my quitar.

I got the same old story at them all night piers

There ain't no room around here for a guitar man.

We don't need a quitar man son.

So I slept in the hobo jungles

I roamed a thousand miles of track

'til I found myself in Mobile Alabama at a club they call "Big Jack's."

A little four piece band was jammin'

So I took my guitar and I sat in.

I showed 'em what a band would sound like

With a swingin' little guitar man.

Show 'em son.

If you ever take a trip down to the ocean

Find yourself down around Mobile.

Make it on out to a club called Jack's if you got a little time to kill.

Just follow that crowd of people

You'll wind up out on his dance floor

Diggin' the finest little five piece group

Up and down the Gulf of Mexico.

And guess who's leading that five piece band

Wouldn't you know it's that swinging little guitar man.