

## Shotgun Song

Gillian Welch

Well I wish I had a shotgun  
I'd tie it to my side  
Never me without the power  
To make a man do right  
Steady on my shoulders  
Standing in the wind  
Well I've been down before  
But I won't be down again

And if I had a pony  
How fast I would ride  
Yippie-tiy-iy-ay  
With the shotgun at my side  
An outlaw to my foes  
A hero to my friends  
I've been down before  
But I won't be down again

Well the days would be so easy  
The nights would be so slow  
I'd turn my pony south, boys  
And ride to Mexico  
My pockets full of silver  
To gamble or to lay  
Cause I've been down before  
But I won't be down again

But I ain't got no silver  
No pony, no gun  
All I got's this hammer  
Like old John Henry swung  
Been ten years on this chain gang  
One more day, and then  
I've been down before  
But I won't be down again

Now standing on this rock pile  
Of four and twenty men  
Well I've been down before  
But I won't be down again  
I've been down before  
But I won't be down again