

## Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?

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They used to tell me I was building a dream  
And so I followed them all  
Where there was earth to plough or guns to bear  
I was always there  
Right out on the job

They used to tell me I was building a dream  
With peace and glory ahead  
Why should I be standing in line?  
Just waiting for bread

Once I built a railroad  
Made it run  
Made it race against time  
Once I built a railroad  
Now it's done  
Buddy, can you spare a dime?

Once I built a tower to the sun  
Built of brick and mortar and love  
Once I built a tower  
Now it's done  
Buddy, can you spare a dime?

Once in khaki suits  
Gee, we looked fine  
All of that yankee-doodle-ee die  
Half a million boots went slogging through hell  
And I was the kid with the drum  
Oh say, don't you remember  
They called me Al  
It was Al all the time  
Say, don't you remember  
I'm your pal  
Buddy, can you spare a dime?