

# Lay Your Money Down

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So I asked the landlady  
"Do you really think I'm crazy  
Spending my time in here  
Drinking down you watery beer?"  
Then she said that "Life's too short  
To spend your time wrapped in worried thought  
Oh, come on and drink up dear  
And lay your money down  
And lay your money down  
And lay your money down  
And lay your money down"

But I said "Well, there must be more"  
When some man said he fought in the war  
For me and I was ungrateful  
He said "Gimme another drink Mable  
For all those good times then"  
And Mable said "You can say that again"  
And they did 'till they were unable  
They laid their money down  
They laid their money down  
They laid their money down  
They just laid their money down

Come on and lay your money down  
Come on and lay your money down

Oh, then in the following silence  
I tried very hard to make sense  
Of the things that the man did say  
When he turned and quickly walked away  
All he said was "Time is money  
Oh, I've got to go now" and I thought  
"That's funny did he really risk his life for me?"  
Or just lay his money down  
Or just lay his money down  
He just lay his money down...