Hello boys and girls
I'm Bill the buffalo
I'm so happy that I'm safe here now
Oh, I wish those bad men wouldn't shoot me
But now that I'm here at the zoo, I'm safe and sound
And I can tell you my little story

I'm Bill the buffalo, ho-ho
Once I roamed the western plains
But that was long ago, you know
Before we heard of trains
Before we heard of trains

The cowboys and the Indians
Were always hunting me
My skin they used for rope and shoes
And my meat was a treat for the family
Ooh! Ooh! Ooh!

That's how they used to shout
And we heard the battle cry
We knew we better watch out (look out! look out!)
(Don't kill a mama buffalo!)

There are not so many few of us
Just a very, very few
No more we'll roam, we have a home, ha ha!
We're safe here in the zoo, woo!
We're safe here in the zoo, yippee!
We're safe here in the zoo

And you can also find me on the back of a nickel!