Well, my old missus said to me,
Gonna raise a ruckus tonight,
When she died, gonna set me free
Gonna raise a ruckus tonight
Oh, come on children, come along,
While the moon is shining bright,
Get on the boat,
Down the river float,
Gonna raise a ruckus tonight

Well there ain't no use in me working so hard Gonna raise a ruckus tonight, When I've got a woman in the rich folks' yard Gonna raise a ruckus tonight

Oh, come on children, come along, While the moon is shining bright, Get on the boat,
Down the river float,
Gonna raise a ruckus tonight

Well, every evening about half past eight Gonna raise a ruckus tonight, I'll hang my bucket on the rich folks' gate Gonna raise a ruckus tonight

Oh, come on children, come along, While the moon is shining bright, Get on the boat,
Down the river float,
Gonna raise a ruckus tonight

Well she brings me chicken and she brings me pie Gonna raise a ruckus tonight, I eat some of everything the rich folks buy Gonna raise a ruckus tonight

Oh, come on children, come along, While the moon is shining bright, Get on the boat, Down the river float, Gonna raise a ruckus tonight.

(Repeat)