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NO SIR NO

In our town there is a lady
Who she is I do not know
I'll go court her for her beauty
She must answer yes or no.

No sir, no, no sir, no
Every answer to me was no.

Madam I have gold and silver
Madam I have house and land,
Madam there's a world of pleasure
That awaits at your command.

No sir, no, no sir, no
Every answer to me was no.

Would not have your gold and silver
Would not have your house and land,
Would not have your world of pleasure
All I want is a handsome man.

No sir, no, no sir, no
Every answer to me was no.

STRANGER'S BLUES

I'm a stranger here, just blowed in your town. (2)
Just because I'm a stranger,
Everybody wants to dog me around.

Lord, I wonder do my good gal know I'm here. (2)
Well, if she do,
She sure don't seem to care.

I wonder how they dog a poor stranger so (2)
They should remember
They gonna reap just what they sow.

Mama, mama, I'm coming home, if I have to wear
out 99 pairs of shoes. (2)
Then I know I'll be welcome
And I won't have those stranger blues.

I'M GONNA WALK AND TALK WITH JESUS

I'm gonna walk and talk with Jesus. (4)
(one of these days, Hallelujah!)

I'm gonna tell God how you treat me. (4)

I'm gonna walk the streets of Glory. (4)

I'm gonna sit at the Welcome table. (4)

STUDY WAR NO MORE

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside
And study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more. (6)

I'm gonna talk with the Prince of Peace
Down by the riverside, etc.

I'm gonna shake hands with everyman
Down by the riverside, etc.

I'm gonna shake hands around the world
Down by the riverside, etc.

PASSING THROUGH

I saw Adam leave the garden
With an apple in his hand;
I said now you're out
What are you going to do?

Plant my crops and pray for rain
Maybe raise a little a cain;
I'm an orphan now
And only passing through.

Chorus: Passing through, passing through,
Sometimes happy sometimes blue
Glad that I ran into you.
Tell the people that you saw me passing through.

I saw Jesus on the cross
On that hill called Calvary.
Do you hate mankind
For what they done to you?

He said talk of love not hate
Things to do, it's getting late,
I've so little time and
I'm just passing through. Cho.

I shivered with George Washington
One night at Valley Forge.
Why do the soldiers freeze here
Like they do?

He said men will suffer, fight
Even die for what is right,
Even though they know
They're only passing through. Cho.

I was at Franklin Roosevelt's side
Just a while before he died,
He said one world must come
Out of World War Two.

Yankee, Russian, white or tan
Lord, a man is just a man,
We're all brothers and
We're only passing through. Cho.
OPEN THE DOOR

Open the door, softly, I've something
To tell you, dear...

Open it up no wider
Than the crack upon the floor...

I'LL SING ME A LOVE SONG

I'm gonna sing me a love song
Just in hopes you might be passing by;
And if you're not too busy,
Perhaps I might catch you on the fly.

O, come along with me
Down by the spring;
Won't you come along with me
Down by the spring,
To see the waters gliding
And hear the nightingale sing.

What I've got to say is so personal
Can't say it to no one but you;
It's just mmm
Ooh ooh ooh uh-oooh!

Now my song is over
But the melody lingers on;
And should I ever leave you,
Remember when I'm gone.

THE TRIP WE TOOK OVER THE MOUNTAIN

She said, "Wait just a moment 'til I get my shoes."
My heart gave a leap as I heard the glad news.
How I flew to the door saying "I hope you'll excuse
My simplicity, over the mountain."

And as the moon was sunk in the west,
The morning star brightly was shining;
'twas then we pursued our journey in haste,
'til we reached at the altar of Hymen.

And in contentment we spent the long day.
The anger of marriage was soon blown away.
Now we often times chat when we've little to say
Of the trip we took over the mountain.

SHE MOVED THROUGH THE FAIR

My young love came to me
She moved through the fair.
So softly she wandered both here and there,
And she laid her hand on me
And this she did say:
It will not be long, long 'til our wedding day.

My young love came to me
She softly came in.
So softly she came that her feet made no din,
Then she made her way homeward
With one star awake,
Like the swan in the evening moves over the lake.

SALLY MY DEAR

Oh Sally my dear, I wish I could wed you
She laughed and replied, why you silly blockhead you,


Oh Sally my dear, it's you I'd be kissing
She laughed and replied, said you don't know what you're missing,

If the girls were all blackbirds, or the girls were all thrushes
We'd see all of the boys go to beating the bushes,

If the girls were all panthers and raced 'round the mountain
How many of the men would take guns to go hunting!

Oh Sally my dear, I wish I could wed you
Oh sir, if you did why you'd say I mislead you,

If all of the girls were like fish in the ocean
And if I were a wave I would raise a commotion.
"My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night;
But ah my foes and oh my friends —
It gives a lovely light!"

- Edna St. Vincent Millay
RIVER OF MY PEOPLE

There's a river of my people
And its flow is swift and strong,
Flowing to some mighty ocean
Though its course is deep and long. (2)

Many rocks and reefs and mountains
Seek to bar it from its way,
But relentlessly this river
Seeks its brothers at the sea. (2)

You will find me in the mainstream
Steering surely through the foam,
Far beyond its raging waters
I can see our certain home. (2)

For I have met this river
And I know its mighty force,
And the courage that this gives me
Will hold me to my course. (2)

O river of my people
Together we must go,
Hasten onward to that meeting
Where my brothers wait I know. (2)

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LISTEN, MR. BILBO

Chorus: Listen, Mister Bilbo, listen to me,  
I'll give you a lesson in history.  
Listen while I tell you that the  
foreigners you hate  
Are the very same people made  
America great.

In fourteen-ninety-two, just to see what he could see,  
Columbus, an Italian, looked out across the sea.  
He said, Isabella, babe, the world is round,  
And the U.S.A. is just a-waiting to be found.

In sixteen-o-nine on a bright summer day,  
The Half Moon anchored in New York Bay,  
Henry Hudson, a Dutchman, took a good look around,  
He said, boys, this is going to be a hell of a town.

Chorus

When the King of England started pushing Yankees around,  
We had a little trouble up in Boston town.  
There was a brave Negro, Crispus Attucks was the man,  
The first one to fall when the fighting began.

Colin Kelly was the pilot, a-flying down low,  
Levin pushed the button that let the bomb go.  
They sank the Haruna to the bottom of the sea;  
It was foreigners like these kept America free.

Now Bilbo, you're taking one heck of a chance,  
Your good friends the DuPonts came over from France.  
Another thing I'm certain will be news to you,  
The first Mister Bilbo was a foreigner too.

Chorus

You don't like Negroes, you don't like Jews;  
If there's anyone you do like, it sure is news.  
You don't like Poles, Italians, Catholics, too,  
Is it any wonder, Bilbo, that we don't like you?

Chorus

AUTHERINE

There's a girl I'm dreaming of  
I haven't met her yet,  
There's a girl I'm dreaming of  
I never can forget;  
She proved herself so faithful  
So honest and so true,  
Her beauty shines so brightly  
In this night we're passing through.

This girl I'm dreaming of  
Has a face that's calm and clear,  
She seems to stand for everything  
That I hold near and dear.  
This girl I dream of  
I have never seen  
Her name is Autherine.

I love you Autherine  
Though I'm a married man,  
I love you Autherine  
For I'm an American;  
And as I love my country  
I love those who make her great,  
And the bravery of those  
Who challenge ignorance and hate.

I love you Autherine  
I'll tell this cock-eyed world,  
How old Jim-crow was rocked back  
By one slip of a girl  
Millions of us know  
Just what I mean  
I love you Autherine.

THE HAMMER SONG

If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning  
I'd hammer in the evening all over this land;  
I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out a warning  
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.

If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning  
I'd ring it in the evening all over this land;  
I'd ring out danger, I'd ring out a warning  
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.

If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning  
I'd sing it in the evening all over this land;  
I'd sing out danger, I'd sing out a warning  
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.

Well I got a hammer and I got a bell  
And I got a song to sing all over this land;  
It's the hammer of justice, it's the bell of freedom  
It's the song about love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.
OVER THE HILLS

Over the hills I went one day
A-dreaming of myself and you;
And the springtime of year
Since first we met
And all that we've been through.

May I not with delight
Still dream of the years;
Of the summer and fall to be.
And the many, many verses still to be sung
In the ballad of you and me.

KISSES SWEETER THAN WINE

When I was a young man and never been kissed,
I got to thinking over what I had missed;
Got me a girl and I kissed her and then
-- Oh, Lord, I kissed her again.

Oh, oh, kisses sweeter than wine
Oh, oh, kisses sweeter than wine.

I asked her would she marry and be my sweet wife,
We would be so happy all of our lives;
I begged and I pleaded like a natural man and then
-- Oh, Lord she gave me her hand.

Oh, oh, etc.

I worked mighty hard and so did my wife,
Working hand in hand to make a good life;
Corn in the field and wheat in the bin, I was
-- Oh Lord, the father of twins.

Oh, oh, etc.

Our children numbered just about four,
They all had sweethearts a-knocking at the door;
They all got married and they didn't hesitate, I was
-- Oh Lord, the grandfather of eight.

Oh, oh, etc.

Now we are old and ready to go,
We get to thinking of what happened a long time ago;
Had a lot of kids, trouble and pain, but
-- Oh Lord, we'd do it again.

Oh, oh, etc.

LITTLE GIRL SEE THROUGH MY WINDOW

Chorus:
Little girl, little girl see through my window (3)
See what you can see.

I see the ships and the arioplane
I see the cars and the chu-chu trains (2)
Around the ring-o world-o.

Chorus

I see the rich, I see the poor
I see millions, millions more (2)
Around the ring-o world-o.

Chorus

I see the clever, I see the smart
I see the folks who have no heart
Around the ring-o world-o.

Chorus

I see a world where him and me
Can dwell in sweet serenity
Around the ring-o world-o.

Chorus

I see the chains and the prisons too
I see the hammers to break 'em through
Around the ring-o world-o.

Chorus

I see the waters and the lands
Just waiting for a helping hand
Around the ring-o world-o.

Chorus

STRANDEST DREAM

Last night I had the strangest dream
I never dreamed before,
I dreamed the world had all agreed
To put an end to war.

I dreamed I saw a mighty room
The room was full of men,
And the paper they were signing said
They'd never fight again.

And when the paper was all signed
And a million copies made,
They all joined hands and bowed their heads.
And grateful prayers were prayed.

And the people in the streets below
Were dancing round and round,
And swords and guns and uniforms
Were scattered on the ground.

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