

SONGS OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION

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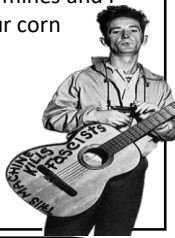
I Ain't Got No Home

Woody Guthrie



I ain't got no home, I'm just a-roamin' 'round,
 Just a wandrin' worker, I go from town to town.
 And the police make it hard wherever I may go
 And I ain't got no home in this world anymore.
 My brothers and my sisters are stranded on this road,
 A hot and dusty road that a million feet have trod;
 Rich man took my home and drove me from my door
 And I ain't got no home in this world anymore.

Was a-farmin' on the shares, and always I was poor;
 My crops I lay into the banker's store.
 My wife took down and died upon the cabin floor,
 And I ain't got no home in this world anymore.
 I mined in your mines and I gathered in your corn



We'd Like To Thank You Herbert Hoover

ANNIE



Today we're living in a shanty
 Today we're scrounging for a meal
 Today I'm stealing coal for fires
 Who knew I could steal?
 We'd like to thank you:
 Herbert Hoover
 For really showing us the way
 We'd like to thank you:
 Herbert Hoover
 You made us what we are today
 They offered us Al Smith and Hoover
 We paid attention and we chose

Not only did we pay attention
 We paid through the nose.
 In ev'ry pot he said "a chicken"
 But Herbert Hoover he forgot
 Not only don't we have the chicken
 We ain't got the pot!
 Come and get it, Herb!



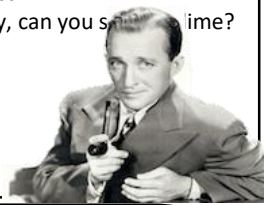
Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?

Bing Crosby



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, I made it run
 Made it race against time
 Once I built a railroad, now it's done
 Brother, can you spare a dime?
 Once I built a tower up to the sun
 Brick and rivet and lime

Once I built a tower, now it's done
 Brother, can you spare a dime?
 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?



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