

Charley Patton, Banty Rooster Blues

I'm gonna buy me a banty, put him at my backdoor
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So when he see a stranger a-comin', he'll flap his wings and crow

What you want with a rooster, he won't crow 'fore day?
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What you want with a man, when he won't do nothin' he say?

What you want with a hen won't, cackle when she lays?
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What you want with a woman, when she won't do nothin' I say?

Ah, take my picture, hang it up in Jackson wall¹
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Anybody asks you "What about it", tell 'em "That's all I saw"

My hook's in the water, and my cork's on top
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How can I lose, Lord, with the help I got

I know my dog anywhere I hear him bark
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I can tell my rider, if I feel her in the dark