

Guardian, Shoeshine Johnny

Shoeshine Johnny's just doin' time
settin' up shop at the five and dime
Seen a whole lot of miles...got a few more to go
Everyone says he's a humble man
tell ya bout life like no one can
With a wink and a smile he'd let ya know
All kinda people come from miles around
just to hear Johnny tell his stories
Talk about the days gone by
Talkin' bout future glory
Round round round he goes
tell you how the good Lord knows
He'd be shinin' most every day
Sit right down listen what he say

Some like to play with fire
but there's a love that's higher
And you know the Lord's been good to me for sure
Hard times can come and go
but one things for sure I know
Whe I die
the richest mand I'll be

Lookin' back I remember the times
laughin-and-a-jokin-and-a-feelin fine
O! Johnny pick you up when you're feelin' low
His words hand on in my memory
the dusty ol' book that he read to me
even now I'm grown they speak to me
What gains a man to win the world
but lose his very soul
Riches of the promised land
much better than silver and gold
Oh how wise is he that makes the Lord his company
Fearless of the days to come
knowin' that the battles won

Listen son he said to me
Jesus died to set us free
You're old enough it's time to chose
With the Lord you'll never lose
beat them everlasting blues