Take this hammer, carry it to the captain
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Tell him I'm a-gone, tell him I'm a gone

If he asks you, was I running
If he asks you, was I running
If he asks you, was I running
Tell him I was flying, tell him I was flying

I don't want your old darn shackles
I don't want your old darn shackles
I don't want your old darn shackles
It hurts my leg, hurts my leg

I don't want no greenback dollar
I don't want no greenback dollar
I don't want no greenback dollar
It hurts my pride, hurts my pride

Use this to train your lyric memory.
Don't study it—sing it!

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Tell him I'm a-gone, tell him I'm a gone

If he asks you, was I _____
If he asks you, _____
If he _____
Tell him I was flying, _____

I don't want your cold iron _____
I don't want your _____
_____ shackles
It hurts my_____, _____ leg

I don't _____ greenback dollar
I don't _____ greenback _____
_____ dollar
_____ pride, hurts _____