

**THE ERIE CANAL (ORIGINALLY "LOW BRIDGE" BY THOMAS S. ALLEN – 1905) \***

**Dm                      Gm              Dm                      Bb7 A7 Dm**  
**I've got a mule and her name is Sal, fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**

**Gm              Dm                      Bb7 A7 Dm**  
**She's a good old worker and a good old pal, fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**

**F                      C              F              C7 Dm                      Gm7              A7**  
**We've hauled some barges in our day, Filled with lumber, coal and hay,**

**Dm                      Gm              Dm                      Bb7    A7 Dm C7**  
**And we know every inch of the way, from Albany to Buf – fa - lo.**

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**Chorus:**

**F                                      C7    F                                      C7                      F**  
**Low bridge, everybody down, Low bridge, for we're going through a town,**

**C7                      F                      Bb**  
**And you'll always know your neighbor, You'll always know your pal,**

**Dm              Bb                      C7              F**  
**If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal.**

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**We'd better look around for a job, old gal, Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**  
**'Cause you bet your life I'd never part with Sal, Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**  
**Get up there mule, here comes a lock, We'll make Rome 'bout six o'clock,**  
**One more trip and back we'll go, right back home to Buffalo.              (Chorus)**

**Oh, where would I be if I lost my pal? Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**  
**Oh, I'd like to see a mule as good as Sal Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**  
**A friend of mine once got her sore, now he's got a broken jaw,**  
**'Cause she let fly with her iron toe and kicked him in to Buffalo.    (Chorus)**

**You'll soon hear them sing all about my gal, fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**  
**It's a darn fine ditty 'bout my darn mule Sal, fifteen miles on the Erie Canal.**  
**Oh, any band will play it soon, darn fool words and darned fool tune,**  
**You'll hear it sung before you go from Mexico to Buffalo.              (Chorus)**

\*The song memorializes the years from 1825 to 1880 when the mule barges made boomtowns out of Utica, Rome, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo, and transformed New York into the Empire State. [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)