**Who’ll Go Down**

Saw him swinging a bottle late last night on Station Avenue

Walking like he had angry catfish in his shoe

I says where you headed Odis now and what you aim to do

He says I’m gonna count the railroad ties from here to Timbuktu

Sleepin’ in the sidecar who’ll go down, who’ll go down

Shake him for he wakes up on the ornery side of town

Word is that that yardman’s tougher than a turtle-skinning knife

Better get him home before they make a widow of his wife

Saw him runnin that a way, a waving a dollar in the air

Swingin a garter stocking, had a white rose in his hair

I says what’s you hurry Otis there, what might be on your mind?

He says either your nose ain’t workin or your eyes is going blind

\*Down *in* the pleasure parlor

Who’ll go down, who’ll go down

Drag little pokey Otis out of Madame Fifi’s pound

Six hours in the cathouse with just a dollar pale and thin

If we don’t get him home soon he may never love again

Saw him tryin’ to swim the river with a pistol in his hand

There was dogs a barkin children screamin “get him he’s the man!”

On the north bank was a woman crying Lord what has he done

On the south bank was a lawman pointing up a loaded gun

\* Lonely in the lockup, who’ll go down, who’ll go down

Try and bend the corners up in Otis’ lonely frown

Judge he told him not to worry not to cry out not to fret

Then he give him ten more knots to wear around his neck

Saw him strollin’ with his head hung low a jitter in his knees

The sheriff on his right side and a preacher on his heels

Had his mama known little Otis’ gonna end up down below

She’d a run out and killed an angel just to be beside her boy

In the fire through the flames who’ll go down, who’ll go down

And fetch up poor little Otis from that finance underground

Where the butterflies breathe fire and the babies suck on coal

Who’ll go down and rescue poor little Otis darkened soul

\* Eeny Meeny Mieny Heads or Tails who’ll go down

And fetch back poor little Otis from the devil’s dancing ground.