

Take This Hammer

Words & Music:
Traditional Work Song

D A7
Take this hammer, carry it to the captain.
A7 D
Take this hammer, carry it to the captain.
D G
Take this hammer, carry it to the captain.
G D A7 D
Tell him I'm a-gone, just tell him I'm a gone.

If he asks you, was I laughing.
If he asks you, was I laughing.
If he asks you, was I laughing.
Tell him I was crying, tell him I was crying.

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 no cornbread and molasses.
I don't want no cornbread and molasses.
I don't want no cornbread and molasses.
They hurt my pride, they hurt my pride.

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

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