

IN THESE TEN SONGS you will hear a lot of music of a lot of races. Songs of every color. Every people loves and copies the songs and the music, the ideas, the customs, of all the other races

SONGS LIKE THESE soak into every wall, call, factory, every hull of every ship, every hammer coming down on every on , every seed falling down into every row, every hand moving a set rag, a wheel, a lever, a dial, a handle, a button push.

IF YOU WILL LISTEN TO YOURS: LF while you do ; /ou will hear yourself hum and sing your own song about you are making up a folk song. You have really made u wh ballad. If you take the time to write down all of these wh tunes in your own mind about the folks that you ke the famous as a composer.

I HAVE NEVER HEARD a nation of people sing on editorial out of a paper. A man sings about the little things that help him or hurt his people and he sings of what has got to be done to fix this world like it ought to be. These songs are singing history. History is being sung. I have sung them in several hundred Union Halls and not one single time have I seen them fail. People clap and yell, get hot and sweat, unloosen their collars, and sing on for hours.

OUR SHIPS ARE MANNED BY MEN OF ALL TONGUES and colors and I saw the whole world there before my eyes while I sand to the men a dozen spells a day, between working hours washing dishes. No matter who you are or where you're from, no matter what your color or your language, you will taste, hear, see and feel an old spark of your whole life somewhere in these songs. Cubans, Mexicans, Philipinos, Chinese, Scotch, Irish, Russian, French and German, all have told me, "This sounds exactly like it is in my country". These songs are a world mixture. The tunes and the words have been sung across all of the oceans by all of us, and up out of the past dark centuries.

I HAVE WALKED AND LISTENED to these songs in the TenreseeeValley and heard versions on top of Pike's Peak and along the Columbia River. But I did not hear any of them on the radio. I did not hear any of them in the movie house. I did not hear a single conce of our history being sung on the nickel juke box. The Big Boys don't want to hear our history of blood, sweat, work, and tears, of slums, bad housing, diseases, big blisters or big callouses, nor about our fight to have unions and free speech and a family of nathons. But the people want to hear about all of these things in every possible way. The playboys and the playgals don't work to make our history plain to us nor to point out to us which road to travel next. They hire out to hide our history from us and to point toward every earthly stumbling block.

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hundreds of thousands of dollars to get them sprouted and going. They sprout, they burst, they bloom and they fade. Wagon loads of your good money are shoveled and scattered onto them, but they are not our true history and we don't take them deep into our heart.

THE MONOPOLY ON MUSIC pays a few per writers to go screwy trying to write and rewrite the same old notes under the same old formulas and the same old patterns. The songs have no guts. They sound sissified, timid, the spinning dreams of a bunch of neurotic screwballs. How can they be otherwise when they have no connection with the work and the fight of the whole human race? They are bad. They are hurtful, poisonous, complascent, distracting, full of jerky headaches and jangled nerves. I have seen soldiers and sailors on ships sail these insane records over that the water by the dozens. I have heard fighting mon in war zones scream and comand that the gibbery radio be shut off or it would be smashed.

has worked and fought its way up to be union. Do the bia bends and the orgasm gals sing a single solitary thing about that? No. Not a croak. Our spirit of work and sacrifice they cannot sing about because their brain is bought and paid for by the sig Money Boys who own and control them and who hate our world up. In. They hate our real songs, our fight songs, our work songs, our union songs, because these are the Light of Truth and the mind of the racketeer cannot face our Light. I would not care so much how they choose to waste their own personal lives but it is your money that they are using to hide your own history from you and to make your future a worse one. Some day you will have a voice in how all of your money is spent and then your songs will have some meaning. The British Government and the Soviets were forced to take over all of these things and their songs, records, and programs are a thousand times better, they had to milk out all traces of complascency, sissiness, cowardliness, and tendencies to run and hide, or to turn into a nation of jerks. They took away all racial hatred, racial teasing, racial insults, racial joken that were narrow and shallow, and it has been for the good of their people. They sing of the dignity of the work of the people and no racketeer cashes in on foney sexual fits. Workers smile and work and soldiers smile and fight, with no rattle brained mouth frothers to wreck your nerves.

## THE BIGGEST THING

This is a Bible Story sort of brought up to streamline. It's told like a big tall tale but I'll stand for the truth of it. I'll meet any living person in a public debate at high noon on the green grass of Union Square to prove that it is nothing but pure unwatered geldsplated facts. Never do I stretch the facts even a smillionth of an inch. I tell you how a man jumped up across the ocean and I guess you know him well, his name is Adolph Hitler, we'll burn his soul in hell. This world is digging Slavery's grave and when this work is done that will be the biggest thing that man has ever done.

house orlight up a town, or bring the pepple power, the secret is this: Sing about your people, not about your millionaire play folks. The rich ones hired airplanes full of entertainers and stars to some up to Oregon, Washington, Montana and wyoming and tell the people that they didn't need no Coolee Dam at all, that is, not for the next souple of centuries. Take too much work and materials and would make the wheels run entirely too nice and light up the country entirely too bright. The world didn't need no more houses with electricity in them, no more factory towns singing with light metals and aluminum, no more flying fortresses zipping through the clouds. Then I sung another little song to sort of put these airplane loads of fonies back in their place.

THIS LAND IS MADE FOR YOU AND ME: After we built the Coolee Ham we had to sell the people out there a lot of bonds to get the money to buy the copper wire and high lines and pay a whole big bunch of people at work and I don't know what all. We called them Public Utility Bonds, just about like a War Bond, same thing. (And a lot of polticians told the folks not to buy them but we sold them anyhow). The main idea about this song is, you thank about these Eight words all the rest of your life and they'll come a bubbling up into Eighty Jillion all Union. Try it and see. THIS LAND IS MADE FOR YOU AND ME.

HARD TRAVELING This is a song about the hard traveling of the working people, not the moonstruck mystic traveling of the professional vacationists. Song about a man that has rode the flat wheelers, kicked up cinders, dumped the red hot slag, hit the hard rock tunneling, hard harvesting, the hard rock jail, looking for a woman that's hard to find.

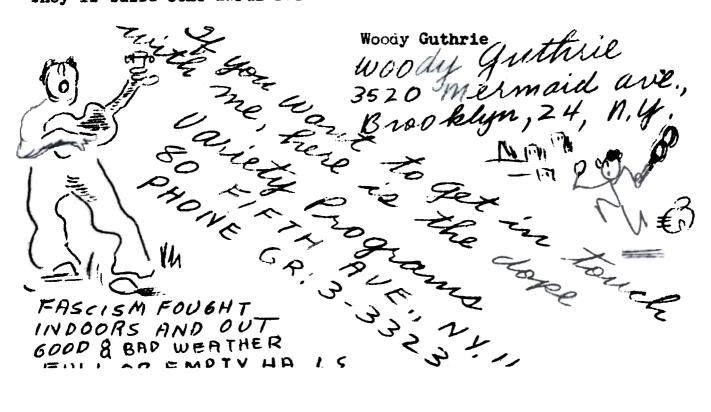
JACKHAMMER JOHN I guess I went by a million names and nobody knows me yet. And I don't guess I even know my own self yet. Maybe I don't know my own country here yet. I danced my duck on the whippachuck and skippered the blue canoe. I outworked old Paul Bunyan and six of his blue babe oxes. I can knock down more rock with my jackhammer in ten minutes than old Pecos Bill can by riding a cyclone to a dead stop. I hired out up here on this Saint Lawerence Seaway just lately and I ain't seen nobody around here that can turn out half as much work with both hands as I can with one. My name's Jackhammer John and I say we need more seaways, more shipways, more skyways, shiptrails and barge lines, more loading ports and more hands at work around here. My old jackhammer runs white hot to win this war and to kill fascism, but she runs a lot hotter to build this old world back up again. Gonna be a mighty nice old world to look at when we all get to working together on her.

BED ON YOUR FLOOR I sing this song mainly just to make you think that I had a little run in with a man and had to lay him dead down on the floor, that the sheriff's on my trail with his big forty four, that the clock's striking midnight with daylight to go. But the mainest reason why I'm singing it is just to get to lay my head in a bed on your floor.

TALKING BLUES. Me walking. Me a talkin. Out of my way folks this is me. Just me just me. You don't hav to te i me who I am, I already know it's me. I know you're likeing it and it's tickling me smack smooth to death.

EAST TEXAS RED is a tale that I heard roling the freights and bumming around down along the Southeast Texas (alf. lory of a man that thinks (or thought) like a fascist, I mean like bully, or something super drooper. He thought he could push other folks around or sock them in jail if they sassed him back. He had the power to make a work slave out of you just for speaking your mind in front of him. He thought that no human brain was supposed to operate except his own. He caused hundreds and thousandsoff men, woman, kids to worry, to wonder, to walk the long walk, to bow down their heads and cry. Red and men like him have been a part of an old wore out slave system in a lot of states, actually giving him the power of a Nazi Storm Trooper. Thes song will show you that East Texas Red didn't get his business fixed.

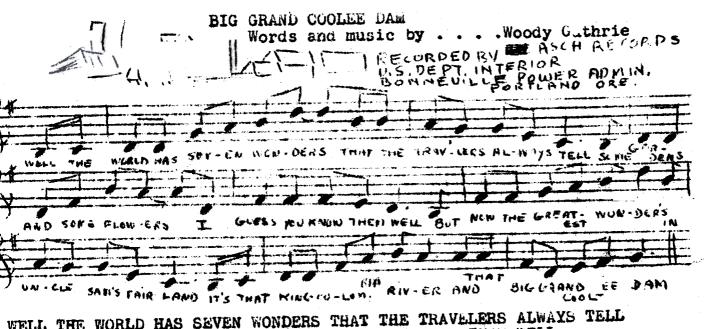
DON'T LIE TO ME. Song about a family that worked on the railroad. Built the railroad. Killed by the railroad. Never did ride the nice big easy coach nor drive the big engine on account of a disease called Jim Crow. A disease as bad if not worse than the cancer. But now we're fighting a war to kill every trace of this plague called White (or any other color) Supremacy. Jim Crow and Fascism are one and the same vine. And this song will be sung by me and by you a thousand years after fascism is killed, this song we'll sing the first thing in the morning of our new union world. I know. I know because I just happen to be the daddy of all of this whole big family of nations. A song about a family by the big fast railroad that always whistled on past them. You will sing this story like this was your family because this song will go to show you that we are all in the same big family. I got some awful wise children. They'll build some awful fast railroads in the air.



## THE BIGGEST THING THAT MAN HAS EVER DONE Words and Music by ...

.....Woody Guthrie





WELL THE WORLD HAS SEVEN WONDERS THAT THE TRAVELERS ALWAYS TELL

SOME GARDENS AND SOME FLOWERS I GUESS YOU KNOW THEM WELL

BUT NOW THE GREATEST WONDER IS IN UNCLE SAM'S FAIR LAND

IT'S THAT KING COLUMBIA RIVER AND THAT BIG GRAND COOLEE DAL!

SHE HEADS UP THE CANADIAN ROCKIES WHERE THE RIPPLING WATERS GLIDE

COMES RUMBLING DOWN HER CANYON TO MEET THAT SALTY TIDE

OF THAT WIDE PACIFIC OCEAN WHERE THE SUN SETS IN THE WEST

IN THAT BIG GRAND COOLEE COUNTRY THE LAND I LOV. THE BEST.

SHE WINDS DOWN HER GRANITE CANYON AND SHE BENC. ACROSS THE LEA

LIKE A SILVER RUNNING STALLION DOWN HER SEAVAY TO THE SEA

CAST YOUR EYES UPON THE GREATEST THING YET BUILT BY HUMAN HANDS

ON THAT KING COLUMBIA RIVER IT'S THAT BIG GRAND COOLEE DAM.

IN THAT MISTY CRYSTAL GLITTER OF HER WILD AND WINDWARD SPRAY

WE CARVED A MIGHTY HISTORY OF THE SACRIFICES MADE

SHE RIPPED OUR BOATS TO SPLINTERS BUT SHE GAVE US DREAMS OF THE DAY THE COOLEE DAM WOULD CROSS THAT WILD AND WASTED STRAM

WE ALL TOOK UP THIS CHALLENGE IN THE YEAR OF THIRTY THREE

WE ALL TOOK UP THIS CHALLENGE IN THE IEAR OF THIRT! THREE FOR THE FARMER AND THE FACTORY AND ALL OF YOU AND ME WE SAID, ROLL ALONG COLUMBIA, YOU CAN RAMBLE TO THUR SEA BUT RIVER WHILE YOU'RE RAMBLING YOU CAN DO A LITTLE WORK FOR ME! NOW IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON YOU HEAR THE FACTORIES HUM MAKING CHROME AND MAKING MANGANESE AND LIGHT ALUMINUM AND YOU SEE A FLYING FORTRESS WING HER WAY FOR BREEDOM LAND SPAWNED UP ON THAT KING COLUMBIA BY THAT BIG GRAND COOLEE DAM.

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MORE
SONGBOOKS



CHORUS:

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND. THIS LAND IS MY LAND. FROM THE REDWOOD FOREST TO THE NEW YORK ISLAND. THE CANADIAN MOUNTAIN TO THE GOLF STREAM WATERS

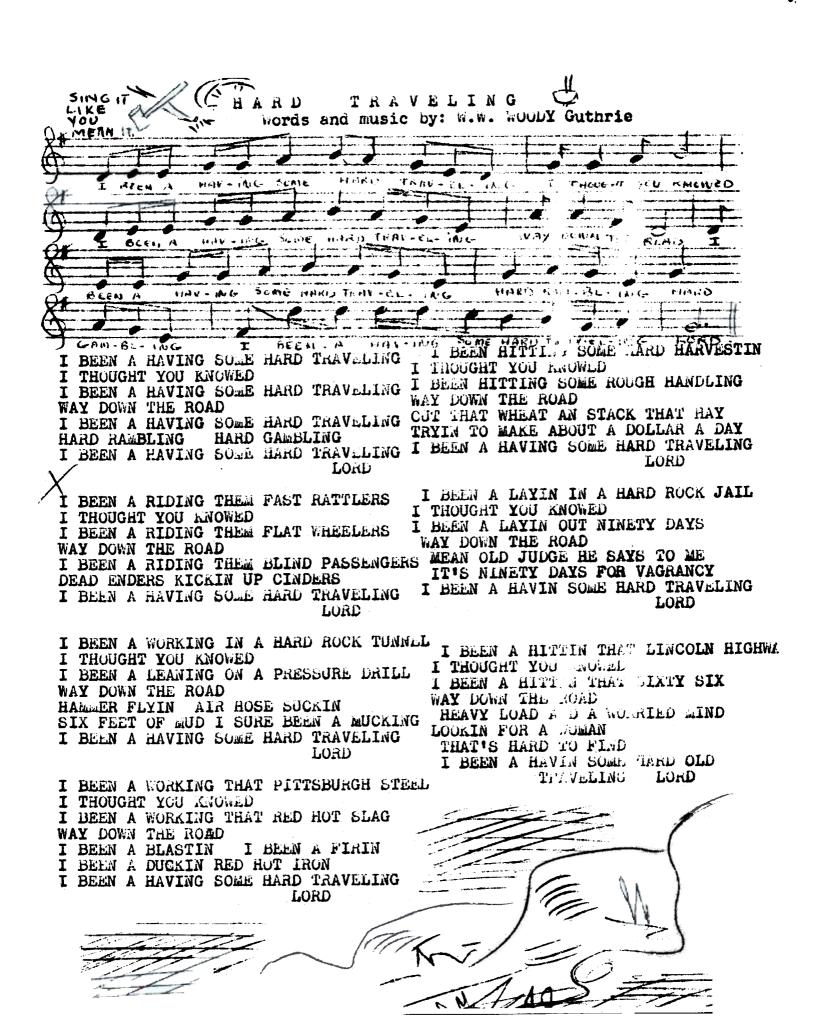
THIS LAND IS MADE FOR YOU AND ME.

AS I GO WALKING THIS RIBBON OF HIGHWAY
I SEE ABOVE ME THIS ENDLESS SKYWAY
AND ALL AROUND ME THE WIND KEEPS SAYING:
THIS LAND IS MADE FOR YOU AND ME.

I ROAM AND I RAMBLE AND I FULLOW MY FUUTSTEPS / TILL I COME TO THE SANDS OF HER MINERAL DASERT THE MIST IS LIFTING AND THE VOICE IS SAYING: THIS LAND IS MADE FUR YOU AND MAN.

WHERE THE WIND IS BLOWING I GO A STRULLING THE WHEAT FIELD AVING AND THE DUST A ROLLING THE FOG IS LIFTING AND THE WIND IS SAYING: THIS LAND IS LADE FOR YOU AND ME.

NOBODY LIVING CAN EVER STOP ME AS I GO WALKING MY FREDOM HIGHWAY NOBODY LIVING CAN MALL ME TURN BACK THIS LAND IS MADE FOR YOU AND ME.



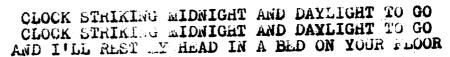




CHORUS: MAKE ME A BED RIGHT DOWN ON YOUR FLOOR
MAKE ME A BED RIGHT DOWN ON YOUR FLOOR
I'LL REST MY HEAD IN A BED ON YOUR FLOOR

I'M A POOR LONESOME BOY I'M A LONG WAYS FROM HOME I'M A POOR LONESOME BOY I'M A LONG WAYS FROM HOME AND I'LL REST MY HEAD IN A BED ON YOUR FLOOR

SHERIFF ON MY TRAIL WITH A BIG FORTY FOUR SHERIFF ON MY TRAIL WITH A BIG FORTY FOUR AND I'LL REST MY HEAD IN A BED ON YOUR FLOOR



PULL DOWN YOUR SHADE AND LOCK UP YOUR DOOR PULL DOWN YOUR SHADE AND LOCK UP YOUR DOOR AND I'LL REST LY HEAD IN A BED ON YOUR FLOOR

THAT BULLY OF THE TOWN WON'T BULLY ME NO MORE THAT BULLY OF THE TOWN WON'T BULLY ME NO MORE CAUSE I LAID HIM DEAD ON THE OLD BAR HOOM FLOOR

THE FLOOR

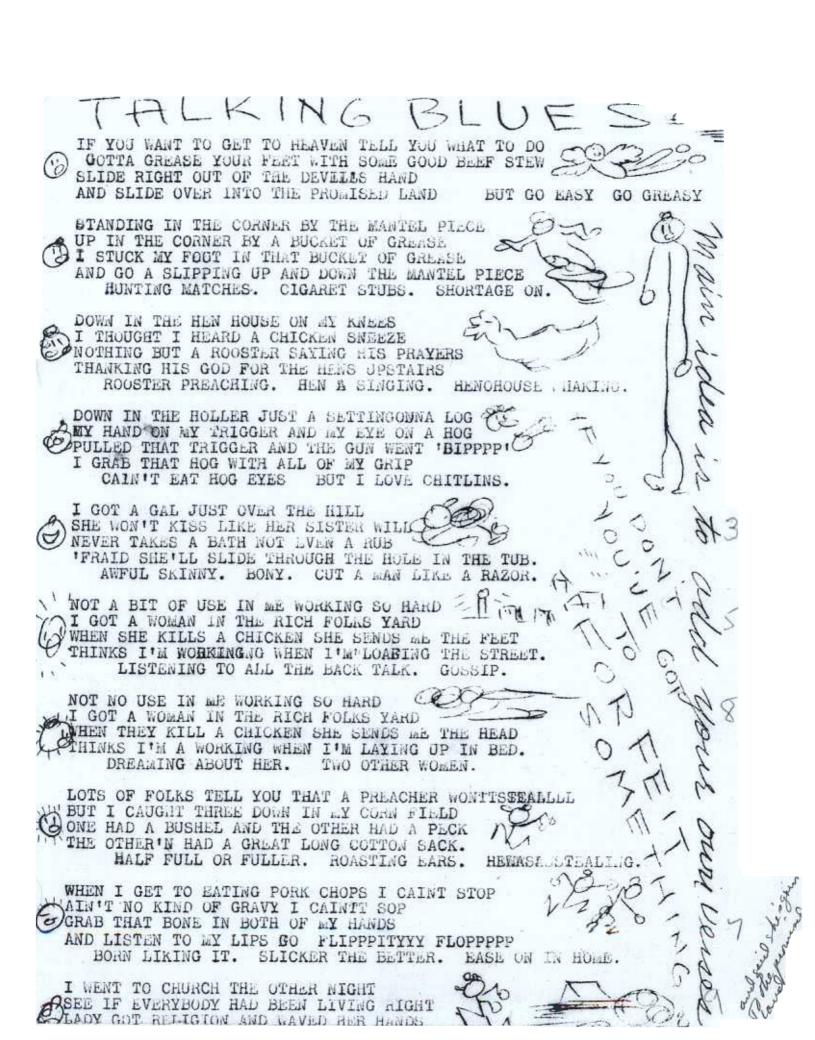
I LAID A MAN DEAD DOWN ON THE FLOOR
I LAID A MAN DEAD DOWN ON THE FLOOR
SO I'LL REST MY HEAD IN A BED ON YOUR FLOOR.

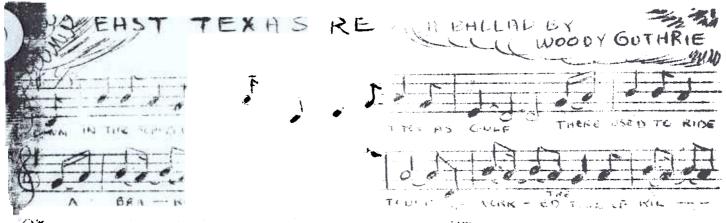
MAKE ME A BED RIGHT DOWN ON YOUR FLOOR MAKE ME A BED RIGHT DOWN ON YOUR FLOOR BABY I'LL REST MY HEAD IN A BED OF YOUR FLOOR

WHAT'S YOUR REQUEST? BANK?









VIEW BILL A-RUMD

DORN IN THE SCRUB AND PROBLEM OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS GULF
THERE USED TO RIDE A BARKEMAN AND A BARKEMAN DOUBLE TOUGH
HE NORMED THE TOWN OF KILGORE AND LONGVILW NIME MILES DOWN
US TRAVELERS CALLED HIM HAST TEXAS RED THE MEANEST BULL AROUND
I RODE BY NIGHT AND BY BROAD LAYERENT IN WIND AND SHOW AND SUN
I ALWAYS SEEN LITTHE EAST TEXAS RED SPORTING HIS SECOTA RUNNING GUN
THE TALE GOT SWITCH DOWN THE STEELS AND MAIN AND EVERYBODY SAID
THE MEANEST MAN ON THE SHINY RAILS WAS LITTLE EAST TEXAS RED
IT WAS EARLY IN THE MORNING AND ALONG TOWARDS NINE OR TEN
A COUPLE OF BOYS ON THE HUNT OF A JOB STOOD IN THE BLIZZARDY WIND
HUNGRY AND COLD THEY KNOCKED ON THE DOORS OF THE WORKING FOLKS AROUND
FOR A PIECE OF MEAT AND A SPUD OR TWO TO BOIL A STALAROUND
RED HE COME DOWN THE CINDER DUMP AND HE FLAGGED THE NUMBER TWO
HE KICKED THEIR BUCKET OVER A BUSH AND HE DUMPED OUT ALL THEIR STEW
A TRAVELER SAID MISTER EAST TEXAS RED YOU BETTER GET EVERYTHING FIXED
'CAUSE YOU'RE GONNA RIDE YOUR LITTLE BLACK TRAIN JUST ONE WAR TORAY

RED HE LAUGHED AS HE CLUMB THE BANK AND SWUNG ASIDE OF A VINELER THE BOYS CAUGHT A TANKER TO SEMINOLE AND WEST TO AMARILLO THEY STRUCK THEM A JOB OF OIL FIELD WORKDAND FOLLOWED A PIPE LINE DOWN IT TOOK THEM LOTS OF PLACES TILL THE YEAR HAD ROLLED AROUND ON ONE COLD AND WINTERY DAY THEY HOOKED THEM A GULF BOUND TRAIN THEY SHIVVERED AND SHOOK WITH DOUGH IN THEIR CLOTHES TO OLD KILGORE

OVER HILLS OF SAND AND HARD FROZE ROADS WHERE THETOUTTON WAGONS ROLL ON PAST THE TOWN OF KILGORE AND ON TO OLD LONGVIEW WITH THEIR WARM SUITS OF CLOTHES AND OVERCOATS THEY WALK INTO A STORE THEY PAY A MAN FOR SOME MEAT AND STUFF TO FIX A STEW ONCE MORE THE TIES THEY WALK BACK BAST THE YARDS TILL THEY COME TO THE SAME OLD SPOT

WHERE EAST TEXAS BED JUST A YEAR AGO HAD DUMPED THEIR LAST STEW POT THE SMOKE OF THEME FIRE WENT HIGHER AND HIGHER A MAN COME DOWN THE LINE HE DUCKED HIS HEAD IN THE BLIZZARDY WIND AND WAVED OLD NUMBER NINE HE WALKED OFF DOWN THE CINDER DUMP TILL HE COME TO THE SAME OLD SPOT AND THERE WAS THE SAME THREE MEN AGAIN AROUND THAT SAME LITTLE POT RED WENT TO HIS KNEES AND HE HOLLERED PLEASE DON'T PULL THAT TRIGGER

ON ME
I DID NOT GET MY BUSINESS FIXED BUT HE DID NOT GET HIS SAY
A GUN WHEELED OUT OF AN OVERCOAT AND IT PLAYED THE CLD ONE TWO
AND RED WAS DEAD WHEN THE OTHER TWO MEN SET DOWN TO EAT THEIR STEW

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