

I don't know why I went to war
[Tell Me Now]
1917-1918, from the trenches in France

I don't know why I went to war
Tell me, oh, tell me now.
I don't know why I went to war or
What dese folks are fightin' for,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.

2. I don't know what my brown's a doin'
Tell me, oh, tell me now.
I don't know what my brown's a doin',
With all dose bucks around a wooin',
Tell me, oh, tell me now.

3. I don't know why I totes dis gun,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.
I don't know why I totes did gun,
'Cause I ain't got nothin' 'gainst de Hun,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.

4. I don't know why we feeds so pore,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.
I don't know why we feeds so pore,
When de officer men eats so awful much more,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.

5. I don't know if I'll ever git back,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.
I don't know if I'll ever git back,
'Cause de voodoo's sure God on my track,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.

6. I hopes dey surely is a God,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.
I hopes dey surely is a God,
When de grave-digger slaps me in de face wid de sod,
Tell me, oh, tell me now.