

Give me that wine
(Hendricks, Lambert, Ross) by John Hendricks (Arista), 1961

Well my wife got tired of me running around
So she tried to keep me at home
You know she bust my nose and hid my clothes
But I continued to roam
Until she finally hit my weakspot, threatened to throw my bottle out
From the basement to the rooftop everybody could hear me shout

Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
You know I can't cut lose without my juice

Well one day when I was walking home to bed
A bandit jumped from the shadows, put a blackjack aside my head
That cat took my watch, my ring, my money and I didn't make a sound
But when he reached in for my bottle Jim you could hear for blocks around

Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Beat my head out of shape but leave my grape

Well one day when I was laying down awful napping
When I woke up everything was burning
With a snap, and a crackle and a pop
You know the fireman chopped up my TV set and tore my apartment apart
But when he raised his axe on my bottle Jim I screamed with all my heart

Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Let me take one toast before I roast

Well one day when I was crossing the avenue
A big car knocked me down
When I was laying out down in the traffic
The crowd came from blocks around
You know the policeman were searchin' my pockets
Before they took me to the funeral parlour
When he reached in for my bottle Jim
I jumped straight up and commenced to holler

Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
You know I can't get well without Muscatell

You know you can take all them Hollywood glamour girls
Rita Haywood, Bridgette Bardot, Lana Turner
Put them on a wall, put a gigantic book beside them
And tell me to take my choice
Well there be no doubt about the one I chose the minute I raise my voice

Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Gimme that wine
Well them chicks look fine but I love my wine

Now some folks like money, some like to dance and dine
But I be happy if you give me that wine
Can I have that bottle baby
Muscatell or half and half