

Shake Sugaree

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Performed live by Bob Dylan 1996 and 1997

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 I got a secret, and I ain't gonna tell
 A E
 I'm going to Heaven in a split pea shell

A E A
 Oh Lordy me, didn't we shake sugaree
 E B A E
 Everything I have is down in pawn.

I pawned my watch, and I pawned my chain
 I even tried to sell myself, but I got down so ashamed

I've got a song to sing, and it's not very long
 I'm gonna sing it right, if it takes me all night long.

I got a secret, and I ain't gonna tell
 I'm going to Heaven in a split pea shell.

I have a little song, won't take long
 Sing it right, once or twice
 Oh lord oh me, didn't I shake sugaree
 Everythin' I got is done in pawn (2x)

I pawned my watch, pawned my chain
 Pawned everything that was in my name

I pawned my buggy, house and cot
 Pawned everything that was on my lot

I pawned my chair, I pawned my bed
 Don't have nowhere to lay my head

I have a little secret I ain't gonna tell
 I'm goin' to heaven in a ground pea shell

I pawned my house, I've pawned my home
 Pawned everything that I own

I pawned my tobacco, I pawned my pipe
 Pawned everything that was in my sight

I know something, I ain't gonna tell
 I'm goin' to heaven and I ain't goin' to ...

I pawned my hat, I pawned my shoes
 Pawned everything that I could use

I chew my tobacco, spit my juice
 I would raise cain but it ain't no use