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Jackhammer John

Jackhammer John
(Woody Guthrie)

Jackhammer John was a jackhammer man
Born with a jackhammer in his hand,
Lord, Lord, and he had them jackhammer blues
I built your roads ad buildings too
and I'm a gonna build a dam or two
Lore, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues

Hammered on the boulder, hammered on the butte
Columbia river on a five mile chute
Lord, and he had them jackhammer blues
Workin' on the Bonneville, hammered all night
A tryin' to bring the people some electric light
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues

I was borned in Portland Town
Built ev'ry port from Alaska down,
Lord, Lord, and he had them jackhammer blues
Built your bridges, dug your mines
Been in jail a thousand times
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues

Jackhammer, Jackhammer, where you been?
Been out a-chasin' them gals again
Lord, Lord, and he had them jackhammer blues
Jackhammer man from a jackhammer town,
I can hammer on a hammer till the sun goes down
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues

I hammered on
bonneville, Coulee too
Always broke when my job was through
Lord, Lord, and he had them jackhammer blues
I hammered on the river from sun to sun
Fifteen million salmon run
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues

I hammered in the rain, I hammered in the dust
I hammered in the best and I hammered in the worst
Lord, Lord, and he had them jackhammer blues
I hot a jackhammer gal just as sweet as pie

And I'll hammer on my hammer till the day I die"

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