- 1. I was just the age of sixteen when I first went on the drive
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 After six months hard labor, at home I did arrive.
 I courted with a pretty girl, t'was her caused me to roam,
 Now I'm just a river driver and I'm far away from home.
- R: I'll eat when I am hungry and I'll drink when I am dry,
 Get drunk whenever I'm ready, get sober by and by,
 And if this river don't drown me, it's down I'll mean to roa
 m,
 For I'm a river driver and I'm far away from home.
- 2. I'll build a lonesome castle upon some mountain high, Where she can sit and view me as I go passing by Where she can sit and view me as I go marching on, For I'm a river driver and I'm far away from home.
- R: I'll eat when I am hungry...