

Welfare Blues

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You know I'm goin' to the welfare
Ask them can they help me some?
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Lord, Lord, Lord
Ask them can they help me some?

This ninety day strike been so long
It 'bout to get the best a-me

Lord, my wife and my children
Lord, they cry both night and day
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This doggone strike soon gonna end
I don't see how I can last much longer

You know it's been ninety days
Ninety days, ninety days
People and I sure don't see no end

It's been ninety days, already
It's been ninety days, been ninety days
Are over and I sure don't see no end

My wife and my baby, my baby
Lord, they grieve, cry over me
Lord have mercy
Daddy, what in the world you gonna do?