All my life I've been a poor boy, it's been hard to get a dime

Everything I got I had to pay for it on time but that's all right

Long as I got a toe hold, long as I got a piece of you Long as I got a toe hold, I can make it through

Look here, I said I went to see a doctor, baby, talk about his malnutrition

Now I don't try to be a fat man, I gotta look about my ambition, look here

Long as I got a toe hold, long as I got a piece of you Long as I got a toe hold, I can make it through

A li, li, li, li, li, li, li, toe hold A li, li, li, li, li, li, toe hold, hey

So baby, if you're with me, let the whole world be against me

I don't expect to ever get rich, I'm doin' fine, me diggin' a ditch, that's all right

Long as I got a toe hold, long as I got a piece of you Long as I got a toe hold, I can make it through

Ah, ooh, baby, ow, good God