

Upon this lowly railroad spike my hammer swung and fell. Down t  
he mighty Mississippi, ' where the raging waters swell. In the co  
rner of that factory, a dark man-made hell, I'll be sitting the  
re in my snare making what they sell. With a silver spoon break  
ing my teeth, the boys on the line working just to eat. Are you  
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n as he pays his toll of pain. From the dear old age of Adam to  
the workers of Boaz, we've been doomed to sing this crazy song  
, yet it's made me who I am. From the steel workers in Pittsbur  
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