I had a friend named Bill Campbell He used to rob, steal and gamble And on the side he'd beg So he mopped up

Well, I told ol' Billy shouldn't do it And ol' Bill said that he knew it So he started beggin' with a bucket Instead of a cup

He's in the jailhouse now
He's in the jailhouse now
Now ol' Bill fluffed his dove
When he wrote a tuxedo to the country club
He's in the jailhouse now

Now Bill had a gal named Sadie And she said have you seen Billy lately No I don't believe that he's about

But ol' Sadie went down to the jail It was just to pay his bail Then she whispered Sheriff please don't let him out

He's in the jailhouse now
He's in the jailhouse now
It was while ol' Bill's away
Sadie's with the sheriff everyday
He's in the jailhouse now

Oh, you remember the last election, yeah The prohibitionists was in action Tryin' to elect themselves a president

And Bill Campbell and John Austin
They rode from New Orleans to Boston
[?] bottle in every settlement

They're in the jailhouse now
They're in the jailhouse now
Lord they caught them down by the railroad track
Stealin' a train to haul it back
They're in the jailhouse now