

## There's Better Things In Life

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Last night I slept in a hobo camp down south of Cairo Georgia  
About five miles out of town by the railroad track  
Well I eat their stew I drunk their brew and I smoked their stale tobacco  
I stood up to their open fire and I warmed my back

And in the meantime me and this one particular hobo we struck up a conversation  
And I'm sure he must have noticed my surprise  
When he told me how his old man died and left him sole heir to a million dollars  
And how he gave it all away and he chose a hobo's life

Because he said son there's better things in life  
Well there's some things gold and silver just can't buy  
He said boy I'd rather sleep here on this dry creek bed  
With a wrinkled up overcoat to pillow my head  
Than fight that livin' high up on the hog  
Tryin' to keep ahead till my head's in a fog

Son there's better things in life than growing ulcers over money  
There's better things in life  
Sing children hey da da da da...

Well I left Georgia got me a job in Opelika Alabama  
Workin' for a man who drove me hard and he paid me cheap yes he did

Well, I watched this poor fool work so hard tryin' to make that almighty dollar  
That he had to live on pills from a drugstore down the street

Now like last spring when income tax came due he just sat around for days and worried  
Losing good sleep tryin' to figure how to cheat the government yes he did

He worked so hard that his nerves collapsed and he woke up inside Central State Hospital  
And on his taxes he got back fourteen dollars and some few cents

So let me tell you friends there's better things in life  
Well there's some things gold and silver just can't buy  
Because now he's laying out flat on his back on the bed  
His nerves all shot and he's out of his head

That hospital bill that'll make him holler  
When he sees what he spent tryin' to save himself a dollar  
Son there's better things in life than growing squirelly over m  
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