Well, they're building the gallows outside my cell and I've got 25 minutes to go. And the whole town's waitin just to hear me yell, I've got 24 minutes to go.

Well, they gave me some beans for my last meal with 23 minutes to go, but nobody asked me how I feel, I've got 22 minutes to go.

Well, I sent for the governor and the whole darn bunch with 21 minutes to go, and I called up the mayor but he's out to lunch, I got 20 more minutes to go.

Then the sheriff said boy, I'm gonna watch you die with 19 minutes to go, soI laughed in his face and I spit in his eye with 18 minutes to go.

Now here comes the preacher for to save my soul with 13 minutes to go, and he's talkin bout burnin but I'm so cold, 12 more minutes to go.

Well, they're testin the trap and it chills my spine, 11 more minutes go, and the trap and the rope, they work just fine, 10 more minutes to go.

Well, I'm waitin for the pardon that'll set me free with 9 more minutes to go, but this ain't the movies, so forget about me, 8 more minutes to go.

With my feet on the trap and my head in the noose, 5 more minutes to go.
Won't somebody come and cut me loose?
4 more minutes to go.

I can see the mountain I can see the sky, 3 more minutes to go, and it's too darn pretty for a man to die, 2 more minutes to go.

I can see the buzzards, I can hear the crows, 1 more minute to go, and now I'm swingin and here I gooooo...