- 1. On A Monday I was arrested (uh huh)
 - On A Tuesday they locked me in the jail (oh boy)
 - On A Wednesday my trial was attested
 - On A Thursday they said quilty and the judge's gavel fell
- R: I got stripes, stripes around my shoulders I got chains, chains around my feet I got stripes, stripes around my shoulders And them chains, them chains, they're about to drag me down
- 2. On a Monday I got my striped britches (uh huh) On a Tuesday got my ball and chain (oh boy)
 - On a Wednesday I'm working digging ditches
 - On a Thursday Lord I beg them not to knock me down again
- R: I got stripes, stripes around my shoulders...
- 3. On A Monday my momma came to see me (uh huh)
 - On A Tuesday they caught me with a file (oh boy)
 - On A Wednesday I'm down in solitary
 - On A Thursday I start on bread and water for a while
- R: I got stripes, stripes around my shoulders...