I went down to the river
I set down on the bank
I tried to think but couldn't
So I jumped in and sank

I came up once and hollered
I came up twice and cried
If that water hadn't have been so cold
I might've sunk and died

But it was cold in that water, it was cold It was cold in that water, so cold

I took the elevator Sixteen floors above the ground I thought about my baby And thought I would jump down

I stood there and I hollered
I stood there and I cried
If it hadn't have been so high
I might've jumped and died

But it was high up there, it was high So high up there

So since I'm still here livin'
I guess I will live on
I could've died for love
But for livin', I was born

And though you may hear me holler Though you may see me cry I'll be dogged, sweet baby If you're gonna see me die

Life is fine, fine as wine Life is fine