

Salesman

Stan Ridgway

Now, I've been travelin' long and hard
And all over this big land
And I got something here in my bag for every woman and man
And nowhere is too far 'cause I cover a pretty wide base
>From way down South to way up North
I'll shake hands with any friendly face

Salesman, salesman,
Why don't you sell me something?
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Why don't you sell me something
Now I got a box in hand
Aand I'm gonna travel that land
I'm a salesman for hire
And I never get tired
So just plug it in and it'll work
Don't worry about it breakin'
It's factory made and guaranteed, and we're not fakin'

Now I keep bangin' on my case
And smilin' broad and make the deal
But sometimes my feet begin to shake
Like I'm slippin' on a banana peel
And I been everywhere around this world
I fly on the edge of the ball
I got the umbers all up here
I just read the map and steer that's all

Now I'll never give up this life
This life has called me to
I gotta get to New Orleans by noon, if I could only find my shoe
'Cause I'm a salesman
Pleased to meet 'cha
I've seen the dirt and dust of a hundred towns like this
I just work my way on through
Sometimes it's just hit and miss
And got a little something here in my bag to help me burn the leaves
But I gotta watch it close this time I know
Because nothing comes for free (no, nothing comes for free)
I knew a little girl in Idaho
Guess I'll look her up now in a week or so
She was always good for a laugh and a drink
And what the traffic would allow

Everybody wants a real deal-everybody wants a real deal