Well, I knew a man named Campbell
He'd cheat and steal and gamble
And I guess, he tried most everything lowdown
He was out tomcattin' last night
When he got in a great big fight
And then a big policeman came
And slapped him down

He's in the jailhouse now
(He's in the jailhouse now)
He's in the jailhouse now
(He's in the jailhouse now)
Well, I told him once or twice to quit
Drinkin' gin and shootin' dice
He's in the jailhouse now

Well, when I met Bill's old gal Saddie And she said, "Have you seen my baby?" And I told her, he was downtown in the can Well, old Saddie she started fussin' She went down to the jailhouse a cussin' She said, "I come down here to get my man"

She's in the jailhouse now
(She's in the jailhouse now)
She's in the jailhouse now
(She's in the jailhouse now)
So you can understand how little old Saddie
Got throwed in the can
She's in the jailhouse now

Well, old Bill broke out one day
I guess, he thought he get away
But at the railway station they took him by the arm
The chief said, "I've come for you"
And Bill said, "Now, this won't do"
Because Bill Campbell never was my name

He's in the jailhouse now
(He's in the jailhouse now)
He's in the jailhouse now
(He's in the jailhouse now)
Well, old Bill he broke out
And all over town the fool walked about

He's in the jailhouse now
He's in the jailhouse now
(He's in the jailhouse now)
Well, I told him once or twice to quit
Drinkin' gin and shootin' dice
He's in the jailhouse now