Ho down down Ho down dee Red bird dancin In custody Goin down New Orleans Red bird dancin An a red bird sing Red bird sing Red bird do New Orleans An a red bird blue I been born An I'm gonna die Blood red wing You gonna make me fly Goin in A red bird den Ain't gonna Come out again Ho down down Ho down dee Red bird dancin In custody

Ho down down Ho down dee Red bird dance A penitentiary A jailer stoned An he barred the door Red bird gone... yeah To fly no more Black crow see Black crow knew New Orleans is where The red bird flew I been born An I'm gonna die Blood red wing You gonna make me cry Rusty wing A daed dark thing Crows too loud now When the red bird sing Ho down down Ho down dee Red bird dance A penitentiary