They told me doncha go down to that city
Don't you go down to that city, I say
For there's trouble there for sure and it's no concern of yours
And it's all I have to hear them people say

If you don't look around
You won't see my a-goin', see me a-goin' that way
If you don't look around
You'll have no way of knowin', I don't think you even know what
I say

And I saw children just walkin' 'long and singin' When a voice from behind me rang through
Then I saw an ugly man with a mad dog in his hand
He said, "Stand right there, I'll turn him loose on you"

If you don't look around
You won't see my a-goin', see me a-goin' that way
If you don't look around
You'll have no way of knowin', I don't think you even know what
I say

So don't tell me there ain't no time for singin'
'Cause I don't need no empty words from you

If they're sayin', who ain't free then they're sayin' it right
to me

So, go back home, I'll wake you when we're through

If you don't look around
You won't see my a-goin', see me a-goin' that way
If you don't look around
You'll have no way of knowin', I don't think you even know what
I say