Sock it to me
Floatin' down the river
With a saturated liver
And I wish I could forgive her
But I do believe she meant it
When she told me to forget it
And I bet she will regret it
When they find me in the morning wet and drowned
And the word gets 'round.
Goin' down. Goin' down.

Comin' up for air
It's pretty stuffy under there
I'd like to say I didn't care
But I forgot to leave a note
And it's so hard to stay afloat
I'm soakin' wet without a boat
And I knew I should have taken off my shoes
It's front page news.
Goin' down. Goin' down.

I wish I had another drink
It wouldn't be so hard to sink
I should have taken time to think
Besides I got the picture straight
She must have had another date
I didn't need this extra weight
I wish that I could see the way to shore
I don't want no more.
Goin' down, I'm goin' down.

And now I see the life I led
I slept it all away in bed
I should have learned how to swim instead
And now it's really got me stumped
I can't believe I really jumped
I'd like to get my tummy pumped
I can't believe they drink this stuff in town
This dirty brown.
Goin' down. Goin' down.

I wished I'd looked before I leaped I didn't know it was so deep Been down so far I don't get wet Haven't touched the bottom yet This river scene is gettin' old I'm hungry, sleepy, wet and cold She told me to forget it nice I should have taken her advice I only want to go on home I'd gladly leave that girl alone What a way to spend the night If I don't drown, I'll die of fright My pappy taught me how to float But I can't swim a single note He threw me in to teach me how I stayed there floatin' like a mama cow And now I've floated way downstream
I know this has to be a dream
If I could find my way to shore
I'd never, never do this anymore
I'll give you three, I've been down nine
I'm goin' down just one more time.
Goin' down. Goin' down.

Now the sky is gettin' light
An everything will be all right
Think I finally got the knack
Just floatin' here lazy on my back
I never really liked that town
I think I'll ride the river down
Just movin' slow and floatin' free
There's a river swinging under me.
Waving back to the folks on shore
I should have thought of this before
I'm floatin' down to New Orleans
Goin' to pick up on some swingin' scenes
I know I'll know a better day
I'll go down groovin' all the way.
Goin' down. Goin' down.