

Shantyboatin'

What is better than the fish in the net
This is better, the fish I just et
Rolled in corn and fried in a pan
Go bait the hoop net, I'm hungry again

What's more lazy than the buzzards that fly
We're more lazy, my partner and I
Lay on the top till my bottom is sore
Roll me over, I will lay here some more

Shantyboatin', and ain't it the life
Shantyboatin', hand me your knife
Cut the line and let us float
Clear to Natchez on our shantyboat

What is harder than an iron bell
This is harder, a snap turtle shell
Bring the pickax and dynamite
The he's grinning, it looks like a fight

What is tougher than a snap turtle stew
This is tougher, your old home brew
It knocks me down, it makes me lay at full length
You think I'm drunk, well, I'm saving my strength

Shantyboatin', drifting all night
Shantyboatin', feeling 'bout right
Lean back, admire the moon
Keep a-drifting be in Natchez 'fore noon

What is sweeter than sorghum syrup
This is sweeter, my old woman's lips
What I call her is Natchez Sue
What she calls me is Once Won't Do

Tomorrow evening I'll be ringing her bell
Down in Natchez under the hill
Scrunch up, let me lay at full length
You think I'm tired, well, I'm saving my strength

Shantyboatin', tomorrow's the day
Shantyboatin', I can hear what she'll say
Roll me over, says Natchez Sue
My old man, Once Won't Do

What is meaner than a coon in a bag
This is meaner, the boat on a snag
Jump in the water up to your knees
Go back the boat off a sycamore tree

Shantyboatin', yes and these are the facts
Shantyboatin', fetch me your axe
Chop her loose and let us float
Clear to Natchez on our shantyboat

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