

Bill Anderson

"Riverboat"

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Well I spent the better part of my life on a Mississippi
riverboat
I used to be known from coast to coast as the slickest
gambler afloat
I've dealt the cards from Minnesota to the harbor at
New Orleans
Made a lotta big money on the riverboat loved a lotta
pretty riverboat queens
Riverboat riverboat I love your whistle's wail
I wish I was back on the riverboat stead of in the
Memphis jail
[banjo]
Well a big man got on the riverboat our last time in St
Paul
He had a lotta money but his luck went bad and the
riverboat won it all
He said I dealt from the bottom of the deck and he
pulled a shiny knife
But before that gambler lunged at me my forty-four
took his life
Riverboat riverboat...
[banjo]
Well they came on the boat and they took me to jail
when we got to Tennessee
A gamblin' man has very few friends guess nobody
cared for me
Well I might be here for a many long years but if I ever
get out
I'm gonna head straight for that levee and get me a
riverboat headin' south
Riverboat riverboat...

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