

Jerry Douglas

"Been All Around This World"

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I started out from Memphis with two dollars and a
dime,
I started out from Memphis, boys, with two dollars and
a dime,
But I landed in old Hazard, boys, I did not have a shine
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Lord, I've been all around this world.
I went to work on the railroad, boys, the mud up to my
knees,
I went to work on the railroad, boys, the mud up to my
knees.
The boss come round to boss me, boys, I done just as I
pleased --
God knows, I been all round this world.

I went up to the Midway Inn with money to shoot some
dice,
I went up to the Midway Inn with money to shoot some
dice.
They took from me my money, boys, I begged them for
my life --
God knows, I've been all around this world.

The new railroad is finished, boys, the cars are on the
track,
The new railroad is finished, boys, the cars are on the
track.
My doney girl has left me, boys, I know that she won't
come back --
God knows, I've been all around this world.

I went to the Blue Ridge Mountains and there'll I'll take
my stand,
I went to the Blue Ridge Mountains, boys, and there I'll
take my stand,
With a rifle on my shoulder, boys, and a six-shooter in
my hands --
God knows, I've been all around this world.

The officers came and arrested me and they take me
down to jail,

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down to jail.

They said to me, "Old fellow, now you know you're
allowed no bail." --

God knows, I've been all around this world.

They take me to the court house, boys, and there I had
a crowd,

They take me to the court house, boys, and there I had
a crowd.

The sentence was to hang me and leave my wife and
child --

God knows, I've been all around this world.

The sentence was to hang me, well I don't care if you
do,

The sentence was to hang me, well I don't care if you
do.

But look out boys, when you hang me, it's liable to
injure you --

God knows, I've been all around this world.

Father and mother, boys, and little sister make three,

Father and mother, boys, and little sister make three,

Came weeping to the gallows, boys, and see the last of
me --

God knows, I've been all around this world.

You all can sing this song, boys, when I am dead and
gone,

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gone.

Just think about old Justus, boys, they sung it 'fore he
was gone --

God knows, but he went all around this world.

Up on the Blue Ridge mountain, there I'll take my stand

Up on the Blue Ridge mountain, there I'll take my stand

A rifle on my shoulder, six-shooter in my hand

Lord, Lord, I've been all around this world

Lulu, my Lulu, come and open the door

Lulu, my Lulu, come and open the door

Before I have to walk on in with my old forty-four

Lord, I've been all around this world

Mama and papa, little sister makes three

Mama and papa, little sister makes three

They're coming in the morning, that's the last you'll see

of me
Lord, lord, I've been all around this world

Hang me, oh hang me, so I'll be dead and gone
Hang me, oh hang me, so I'll be dead and gone
I wouldn't mind your hanging boys, but you wait in jail
so long
Lord, I've been all around this world

Up on the Blue Ridge mountain, there I'll take my stand
Up on the Blue Ridge mountain, there I'll take my stand
A rifle on my shoulder, six-shooter in my hand
Lord, Lord, I've been all around this world

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