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### "The Auctioneer"

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(contains corrections from previous submission)

Hey well alright sir here we go there and what are ya'  
gonna give for 'em.

I have a 600 dollar down here now 10 and now 25 and  
now 35 and now there 50 now 60 will ya' give me 60  
now 75, 75 another 85 dollars another buy 'em there.

There was a boy in Arkansas  
who wouldn't listen to his ma  
when she told hi-im he should go to school.  
He'd sneak away in the afternoon,  
take a little walk then pretty soon,  
you'd find him at the local auction barn.

He'd stand and listen carefully.  
Then pretty soon he began to see  
how the auctioneer could talk so rapidly.  
He said, "Oh my, it's do or die.  
I've got to learn that auction cry.  
Gotta make my mark and be an auctioneer."

25 dollar bid it now, 30 dollar 30  
Will you gimmie 30 make it 30  
Bid it on a 30 dollar will you gimmie 30.  
Who'll bid a 30 dollar bid?  
30 dollar bid it now, 35, will you gimmie 35  
to make it 35 to bid at 35.  
Who would a-bid it at a 35 dollar bid?

As time went on, he did his best  
and all could see he didn't jest.  
He practiced calling bids both night and day.  
His pap would find him behind the barn  
just working up an awful storm  
as he tried to imitate the auctioneer.

Then his pap said, "Son, we just can't stand  
to have a mediocre man  
sellin' things at auction using our good name.  
I'll send you off to auction school.

Then you'll be nobody's fool.  
You can take your place among the best."

35 dollar bid it now a 40 dollar 40  
Will you gimme 40 make it 40  
Bidin' it on a 40 dollar will you gimme 40.  
Who'll bid a 40 dollar bid?  
40 dollar bid it now, 45, will you gimme 45  
to make it a 45 to bid it a 45.  
Who would a-bid it at a 45 dollar bid?

So from that boy who went to school  
there grew a man who played it cool  
he came back home a full-fledged auctioneer.  
then the people came from miles around  
just to hear him make that rhythmic sound  
that filled their hearts with such a happy cheer.

His fame spread out from shore to shore.  
He had all he could do and more.  
Had to buy a plane to get around.  
Now he's the tops in all the land.  
Now let's pause and give that man a hand.  
He's the best of all the auctioneers.

45 dollar bid it now a 50 dollar 50  
Will you gimme 50 make it 50  
Bidin' it on a 50 dollar will you gimme 50.  
Who'll bid a 50 dollar bid?  
50 dollar bid it now, 55, will you gimme 55  
To make it a 55 to bid at 55.  
Sold that hog for a 50 dollar bill.

Hey well all right sir, open the gate and let 'em out  
and walk 'em boys.  
Here we come a lot number twenty-nine in. What are  
you gonna give for 'em  
I have a 25 I ought-a get 35 and now a 50 make it 50  
bid it along at 50  
now 60 will ya' give me 60 now 75 and now 85 and now  
95 a hundred and now 25  
and now it's at 75 and a 2 and a 3 and a 4 and a 5 and  
a 6 now 7 now 800 dollars  
and a buy 'em there.

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