

## Levon Helm

### "Kingfish"

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There's a hundred-thousand Frenchmen in New Orleans  
In New Orleans there are Frenchmen everywhere  
But your house could fall down  
Your baby could drown  
Wouldn't none of those Frenchmen care

Everybody gather 'round  
Loosen up your suspenders  
Hunker down on the ground  
I'm a cracker  
And you are too  
But don't I take good care of you

Who built the highway to Baton Rouge?  
Who put up the hospital and built your schools?  
Who looks after shit-kickers like you?  
The Kingfish do

Who gave a party at the Roosevelt Hotel?  
And invited the whole north half of the state down there  
for free  
The people in the city  
Had their eyes bugging out  
Cause everyone looked just like me

Here comes the Kingfish, the Kingfish  
Everybody sing  
Here's the Kingfish, the Kingfish  
Every man a king

Who took on the Standard Oil men  
And whipped their ass  
Just like he promised he'd do?  
Ain't no Standard Oil men gonna run this state  
Gonna be run by little folks like me and you

Here's the Kingfish, the Kingfish  
Friend of the working man  
The Kingfish, the Kingfish  
The Kingfish gonna save this land

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