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Loudon Wainwright Iii ''Old Ballyhoo''

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Mister, won't you lend a poor dime a cripple?

I'm about a thousand dollars from my home.

Ain't got no mile in my pocket, no head to poke my hole

through,

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And I don't know where I'll die when I go to.

I have tried living in the valley and working at the

mill -

I like bootlegging better, running whiskey through

these hills.

Now I'm back down from the mountain, and living on the

bum.

If you've got change for five dollars, why don't you

give me some?

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Hey, I could play in your theater, local church or

corner bar -

Long as there's fun and money, I ain't too particular. I can sing and dance and whistle, turn cartwheels

through the air,

And if I get too tight to stand upright, just tie me to a chair.

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Now when this song is over, gonna pass around my hat

So won't you reach down deep inside - Hey, quiet in the

back!

Did you come to talk or listen, folks? Now everybody

hush!

'Cause when I hit that high note, I can make a statue

blush.

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