

## The Gumo

### "John Hardy"

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John Hardy was a vicious little man  
He carried two guns every day  
He shot down a man on the West Virginia line  
I see John Hardy gettin' away, poor boy  
See John Hardy gettin' away

John Hardy went up to that free stone bridge  
Where there, he thought he was free  
A death to men, called nobody his own  
Siad, "Johnny come and go with me" poor boy  
"Johnny come and go with me."

John Hardy had a pretty little wife back home  
The dress that she wore was blue  
She come to the jailhouse with a loud shout  
Said, "Johnny, I've been true to you", poor boy  
"Johnny, I've been true to you."

She said,

John Hardy sent out to the East Coast  
Sent for his folks to come and go his bail  
But, there was no bail allowed for the murderin' man  
They sent John Hardy back to jail  
Sent John Hardy back to jail

Who's going to shoe your pretty little feet  
Who's gonna glove your hand  
Who's gonna kiss your rosy red cheek  
It's gonna be that steel drivin' man  
Be that steel drivin' man

She said,

Now he's sittin' alone there in his cell  
Tears rolling down his eyes  
He's been the death of many, a poor man  
Now, he is ready to die, poor boy,  
Now he is ready to die

Signin' "I've been to the east, I've been to the west"

"I've seen this whole wide world around"  
"I've been to the river and I've been baptized"  
"Take me to my hanging in the ground"  
"Take me to my hanging in the ground"

She said

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