

Tampa Red

"Turpentine Blues"

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Turpentine's all right, provided that wages are good
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But I can make more money now, by somewhere
choppin' hardwood

Turpentine business ain't like it used to be
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I can't make enough money now, to even get on a
spree

I ain't gonna work no more, I tell you the reason why
I ain't gonna work no more, tell you the reason why
Because everybody wants to sell, and nobody wants to
buy

You can work in the field, you can work at the sawmill
too
You can work in the field, you can work at the sawmill
too
But you can't make no money, at nothin' you try to do

So Lordy please tell me what we turpentine people are
gonna do
Lordy please tell me what we turpentine people gonna
do
We may work one week, but we got to lay off a month
or two

Turpentine is like dice, to shoot you up on the loose
Turpentine is just like dice, to shoot you up on the loose
That's the reason why, I've got those turpentine blues

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