

Mance Lipscomb

"Charlie James"

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If you see Charlie James comin' down the road
Say you, please don't tell him which a-way you see me
go

In the mornin' soon, in the mornin' soon
Yes, I'm goin' back to Houston¹ in the mornin' soon

Had a whole lotta money one day, one day
Next day I didn't have a dime

Look down the road just as far as I could see
And I thought I spied my old-time used-to-be

In a whole lot of trouble one day, one day
Next day I didn't know what to do

Look down the road just as far as I could see
And I thought I spied my old-time used-to-be

When a man gets in trouble, everybody throws him
down
A killing for his friends and they won't come around

Nobody ever knows you when you're down and out
Ask 'em for a favor, they don't know what's all about

Well, you may go, you may try to stay
But you'll be back some old rainy day

Note 1: Lipscomb was a Texas native.

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