Diamond Joe

Bob Dylan

Now there's a man you'll hear about

Most anywhere you go

And his holdings are in Texas

And his name is Diamond JoeAnd he carries all his money

In a diamond-studded jar

He never took much trouble

With the process of the lawI hired out to Diamond Joe, boys

Did offer him my hand

He gave a string of horses

So old they could not standAnd I nearly starved to death, boys

He did mistreat me so

And I never saved a dollar

In the pay of Diamond JoeNow his bread it was corn dodger

And his meat you couldn't chaw

Nearly drove me crazy

With the waggin'of his jawAnd the tellin' of his story

Mean to let you know

That there never was a rounder

That could lie like Diamond JoeNow, I tried three times to quit him

But he did argue so

I'm still punchin' cattle

In the pay of Diamond JoeAnd when I'm called up yonder

And it's my time to go

Give my blankets to my buddies

Give the fleas to Diamond Joe

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