

The Whirl and the Suck

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It took a mighty good man with salty hands
And a mighty long raft to keep the fore before the act
 You take ten good men and guts and luck
And you might navigate the whirl and the suckWell, the Tennessee River changed its mind
 At Chattanooga she oughta unwind
 She could a run right on the Georgia Sea
But she cut right back through TennesseeWell, the settlers come by raft
 And boat bringin' everything that could stay a float
 But like a loco horse that'll twist and buck
They hardly ever made it through the whirl and the suckIt took a mighty good man with salty hands
 And a mighty long raft to keep the fore before the act
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And you might navigate the whirl and the suckWhen General Washington was in his knicker bocks
 The Cherokee Indians through the Chattanooga Rocks
 And the Chickamagua tribe and the Nickajack
 They kept the watch where the river cut back
 And if a raft or a boat ever rode the bend
The Indians got 'em cause they had 'em hemmed inIt took a mighty good man with salty hands
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