

# Jackhammer John

## John Shreve

Jackhammer John was a jackhammer man,  
Born with a jackhammer in his hand.  
Lord, Lord And he had them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.I built your roads and buildings too,  
And I'm gonna build a damn or two.  
Lord, Lord, well I had them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.I was borned in Portland town,  
Built every port from Alasky down;  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.Built your bridges, dug your mines,  
Been in jail a thousand times.  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.Jackhammer, jackhammer, where ya been?  
Been out a-chasin' them gals again;  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.Jackhammer man from a jackhammer town,  
I can hammer till the sun goes down,  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.I hammered on the boulder, hammered on the butte,  
Columbia River on a five-mile chute;  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.Workin' on the Bonneville, hammered all night  
A-tryin' to bring the people some electric light,  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.I hammered on Bonneville, Coulee too,  
Always broke when my job was through,  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.I hammered on the river from sun to sun,  
Fifteen million salmon run;  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.I hammered in the rain, I hammered in the dust,  
I hammered in the best and I hammered in the worst;  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.I got a jackhammer gal just as sweet as pie,  
And I'm a-gonna hammer till the day I die,  
Lord, Lord, well I got them jackhammer blues.  
I got them jackhammer blues.

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