

Lazy Bones, Gone Fishin

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Hoagy Carmichael, Paul Robeson - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIZDErpI9IQ>
Louis Armstrong - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdxYS_zVByg

As long as there's a chicken gravy on your rice
(I suppose) ev'ry-thing is nice
As long as there's a watermelon on the vine
Ev'rything is fine

You got no time to work, you got no time to play
You're busy doin' nothing all the life-long day
But you won't ever change, no matter what I say
You just made that wa-ay

Lazy bones, sleeping in the sun,
How ya spect get your day's work done?
You'll never get your day's work done,
Lyn' in the noon-day sun.

Lazy bones, sleeping in the shade,
How ya gonna get your corn meal made?
You'll never get your cornmeal made,
Sleeping in the noon-day shade.

When the taters need spraying, I betcha keep praying,
the bugs fall off the vine.
When you go fishing, I'm sure you're wishing,
The fish don't grab at your li-ine.

Lazy bones, loafin' through the day,
How d'you spect make a dime that way?
You'll never make a dime that way,
Never hear a word I say.

(slowing)

Gone fishin' there's a sign upon your door,
Gone fishin' he ain't workin' any more.

There's his hoe out in the sun
Where he left a row half done.
He says that hoein' ain't no fun
He ain't got no ambition.

Gone fishin' by a shady, wady pool.
I'm wishin' I could be that kind of fool.

I'd say no more work for mine,
on my door I'd hang a sign
Gone fishin' instead of just a- wishin'.

Gone fishin' there's a sign upon your door,
Gone fishin' he ain't workin' any more.

Cows need milkin' in the barn,
but he just don't give a darn,
He just never seem to learn
He ain't got no ambition

Gone fishin', got his hound dog by his side
Gone fishin', fleas are bitin' at his hide

Got my hat and got my pole,
headed for the fishin' hole,
Gone fishin' in stead of just a- wishin'.