Down in Texas

w. Elmer Fisk 1917, m. Trad. Irish: Whiskey You're the Devil











Intro 1st 2 lines:

[A] We're down here in old [A7] Texas, Where you [D] never have the [A] blues,

Verse 1:

[A] We're down here in old [A7] Texas,
Where you [D] never have the [A] blues,
Where the [D] bandits steal the [A] jitneys
And the [B7] marshals steal the [E7] booze;
Where the [A] buildings horn the [A7] skyline,
Where the [D] populace is boost,
Where they [A] shoot men just for pastime,
Where the [E7] chickens never [A] roost,

Verse 2:

[A] Where the stickup men are [A7] wary And the [D] bullets fall like [A] hail; Where each [D] pocket has a [A] pistol And each [B7] pistol's good for [E7] jail; Where they [A] always hang the [A7] jury, Where they [D] never hang a man If you [A] call a man a liar, you Get [E7] home the best you [A] can

Instrumental break- verse:

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Verse 3:

[A] Where you get up in the [A7] morning, In a [D] world of snow and [A] sleet And you [D] come home in the [A] evening Suffo[B7] cating in the [E7] heat; Where the [A] jitneys whiz [A7] about you And the [D] street cars barely creep; Where the [A] burglars pick your pockets While you [E7] 'lay me down to [A] sleep;'

Verse 4:

[A] Where the bulldogs all have [A7] rabies, And the [D] rabbits they have [A] fleas; Where the [D] big girls, like the [A] wee ones, Wear their [B7] dresses to their [E7] knees; Where you [A] whisk out in the [A7] morning Just to [D] give your health a chance; Say [A] 'Howdy' to some fellow who Shoots [E7] big holes in your [A] pants;

Instrumental break- 1st ½ verse:

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Verse 5 - 2nd half:

[A] Where wise owls are a[A7] fraid to hoot And [D] birds don't dare to sing, For it's [A] hell down here in Texas, Where they [E7] all shoot on the [A] wing.

Outro last 2 lines verse:

For it's [A] hell down here in Texas, Where they [E7] all shoot on the [A] wing.

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