

# Cap'n Jim Reese Said

sheet music key: B-flat

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Cap - 'n Jim Reese said when the Ka - ty was made,  
"Ar - kan - sas Cit - y gon - na be her trade. I  
left my wom - an in the door, Says,  
"Work down the riv - er an' hon - ey don't cha go!"

Oh, Cap'n will you be so good an' kind?  
Take all the cotton, leave the seed behind.  
Heap seed an' a few knows,  
Heap stahts an' a few goes!

I ain't gonna tell nobody  
What they done to me,  
But if ever I get to the long plank walk,  
I won't come here no more!