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Lyrics: E. Y 'Yip' Harburg
Arranger: Caroline Hall

Brother Can You Spare a Dime?

They used to tell me I was building a dream
And so I followed the mob
When there was earth to plow or guns to bear
I was always there, right on the job

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With peace and glory ahead
Why should I be standing in line
Just waiting for bread?

Once I built a railroad made it run
Made it race against time
Once I built a railroad now it's done
Brother can you spare a dime?

Once I built a tower to the sun
Brick and rivet and lime
Once I built a tower now it's done
Brother can you spare a dime?

Once in khaki suits, gee we looked swell
Full of that Yankee doodle-ee dum
Half a million boots went slogging through hell
I was the kid with the drum

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It was Al all the time
Say don't you remember I'm your pal?
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