Well I met a man in Montgomery Alabama
I was waitin' on a bus he was shinin' shoes and I heard him say
I'm a shoeshine man number one in the land
I'm a shoeshine man make your shine where you stand
Leave me a tip if you can I'm a shoeshine man

Well I can sing I can dance I can play my harmonica too I got a brand new thing called the South Side Montgomery Blues You better stick around and watch me cause I'm an entertainer f

I'm a shoeshine man...

Why I learned my trade from that rank poppin' daddy o'mine He shined pair of alligators made a hundred dollar bill on time And when the meat get scare shine two or three pairs for a dime I'm a shoeshine man...

I had a girl that helped me she had a lotta hoochy coochy ways She's bumpin' and grindin' paid that girl a dollar a day But she was shy on age and the law come and took her away I'm a shoeshine man...