Poor old man came from Mississippi Nothin' on his mind but a cheap fifth of whiskey Playin' his guitar, got into the city Workin' on the streets just to make a living

Well he could sing those coffee house blues

Mississippi John made it look so easy Cigarette behind his ear His eye are lookin' misty Really let go when the bottle's half empty Singing it loud, his voice is kinda gritty He knows he's got nothin' to prove

He spends his time playin' in the city Won't you lay your money down Watchful eyes for someone who will listen Won't you lay your money down

Everybody said he'd be better off leavin'
And he knew in his heart
That he better start believing
Better use the talent
That the good lord gave him
To get out of this place
He don't need a good reason

He's giving heart and soul to you

He spends his time playin' in the city Won't you lay your money down Watchful eyes for someone who will listen Won't you lay your money down

Look downtown see the man on the corner Working so hard just get a dollar People walk my want to call him a beggar Don't want too much He's just taking what they offer

Well he's playing each note for you

Well he spends his time playin' in the city Won't you lay your money down Watchful eyes for someone who will listen Won't you lay your money down