Bootlegger's Blues

The Mississippi Sheiks (1932)

G, G, G, G Stash of whiskey on my back and the sheriff is on my track
D, D, G, G I'm gonna make it to the woods if I can
G, G, G, G I take the woods to blow my bail rather than go to the county jail
D, D, G, G You better make it to the woods if you can

G, G, G, G If you can, if you can
D, D, G, G You better make it to the woods if you can

G, G, G, G If you want to have to leave home you just sit with a bottle of corn
D, D, G, G You have to make it to the woods if you can
G, G, G, G You may think they're doing you wrong,
but they'll send you to the county farm
D, D, G, G You better make it to the woods if you can

G, G, G, G If you can, if you can
D, D, G, G You better make it to the woods if you can

G, G, G, G When you go out far alone the sheriff will stop you on the road
D, D, G, G You'll have to make it to the woods if you can
G, G, G, G It's a real surprising thing, that to hear those .44's ring
D, D, G, G You better make it to the woods if you can

G, G, G, G If you can, if you can
D, D, G, G You better make it to the woods if you can

Break (verse chords)

G, G, G, G Ever since the state went dry, the bootleggers have to stand shy
D, D, G, G They're gonna keep out the way of the sheriff if they can

G, G, G, G If they can, if they can
D, D, G, G They're gonna keep out the way of the sheriff if they can

The Recipe

Anonymous

* Anyone can make whiskey...but only a few make GOOD whiskey because it takes more than a "Recipe." The following "recipe" was received by one such master and is being printed as a tribute and with much respect for those professionals of "the business".

1 - 50 gallon wooden barrel (an empty distillery barrel works well)
Into the barrel place-
60 lb. sugar
2½ gal. good plump rye
Fill to the top with water of 85 degree temperature. Add 1 lb. compressed yeast. Stir well and daily. Let ferment about 7-8 days, depending on the time of year and outdoor temperature. When done fermenting, draw the liquid off and distill.
Yield: 6 gal. 100 proof whiskey.