

What's the Matter With the Mill

Memphis Minnie (1930)

Kansas Joe: Say, Minnie!

Memphis Minnie: What you want, Kansas Joe?

Kansas Joe: Where you going?

Memphis Minnie: I'm going to the mill, what do you think?

Kansas Joe: For what?

Memphis Minnie: Have my corn ground.

Kansas Joe: Aw, that old mill is done broke down.

Memphis Minnie: How do you know?

Kansas Joe: I'm just from down there.

Memphis Minnie: Aw, and it broke you down!

Kansas Joe: Aw, no, I went to get my corn ground.

Memphis Minnie: Where's your meal?

Kansas Joe: I couldn't get it ground.

Memphis Minnie: What's the matter with the mill?

Kansas Joe: It's done broke down.

Memphis Minnie: Done broke down?

Kansas Joe: Yeah, it done broke down.

Memphis Minnie: Can't get no grinding, tell me what's the matter with the mill.

Well, I had a little corn, I put it in a sack
Brought it to the mill and come right back

What's the matter with the mill? (It's done broke down)

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I can't get no grinding, tell me what's the matter with the mill

Well, the peoples keep a-talking all over town
Telling me that mill had done broke down

Solo

Now listen here folks, I don't want no stuff
You can't bring me my meal, bring me the husks

Well, my papa sat and cried, my brother did, too
They both been to the mill, they can't get nothing to do

Now listen here folks, I want you to bear this in mind
If you're going to the mill, you're just losing time

Solo

C, C, C, C
F, F, C, C
G, F, C, C

or capo on 8

E, E, E, E

A, A, E, E

B7, A, E, E