

Diamond Joe (trad / Dylan Masked & Anonymous)

F C
Diamond Joe come and get me / My wife done quit me
C G C
Diamond Joe, you better come and get me, Diamond Joe

Gonna buy me a jug of rum, / Gonna give my baby some
Diamond Joe, you better come and get me, Diamond Joe.

Diamond Joe come and get me / My wife done quit me
Diamond Joe, you better come and get me, Diamond Joe

[Instrumental verse]

Gonna buy me a jug of whiskey / Gonna make my baby frisky
Diamond Joe, you better come and get me, Diamond Joe.

Gonna buy me a jug of rum, / Gonna give my baby some
Diamond Joe, you better come and get me, Diamond Joe.

[Instrumental verse]

Gonna buy me a sack of flour / Cook hoe-cakes by the hour
Diamond Joe, you better come and get me, Diamond Joe

Diamond Joe come and get me / My wife done quit me
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[2 Instrumental verses]

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Diamond Jo was the name of a steamboat that ran on the upper Mississippi in the period 1864-83, owned by "Diamond Jo" Reynolds. (He also built his own railroad from Malvern to Hot Springs (Arkansas, I believe), after a painful carriage trip to cure his rheumatism in the healing waters of Hot Springs). The refrain line "Diamond Jo come and get me" could be a reference to the boat. Early versions of the song recorded by the Georgia Crackers (1927) and Charlie Butler (1937), then a prisoner at the Parchman prison.

The song is not related to **Diamond Joe** on *Good As I Been To You*, neither musically nor thematically.