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Beat It While Your Shoes Are Good.

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1. Went out with a minstrel show,  
   O-pened up in Ko-ko-mo;  
   First night bus-ness was im-mense, We

tell me true,— Tell me what am I to do?  
   Sher-iff Jones and all his men, Are

er-va Lee, She was sat-is-fied with me,  
   To her dear Pa-pa I went,

took in nearly sixty cents; Audience was an awful size. At a fat man's show he'd
on my trail,—I stole a hen,— How can I keep from getting pinched.— How am I not
Asked if he'd give his consent, Said, "Your daughter's hand I seek," Asked how much I

take the prize; When we lined up to get our pay, We heard manager roughly say—
to be lynched? Law-yer Brown tho't a mo-ment or two, Said, "There's just one thing for you to do."
made per week, Did-n't hes-i-tate to tell, When I said six bones I heard him yell.

CHORUS.

"Beat it while your shoes are good, I wouldn't pay you'see if I could,
"Beat it while your shoes are good, Don't you talk, but just saw wood,
"Beat it while your shoes are good, Beat it from the neighbor-hood,

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Twenty-three, I guess you're wise,  Beat it on the railroad ties;
Twenty-three, that means skido,  Beat it while the wind's with you;
Twenty-three, that means skido,  Beat it while the wind's with you;

This here show has gone kerplunk,  My landlord has copped my trunk, if
Stealin' fowls' an awful crime,  In this town you'll get life-time, if
You big, husky lookin' tramp,  My advice to you is vamp, if

you don't vamp he'll get yours too,  Beat it while the wind's with you."
couldn't save you if I would,  Beat it while your shoes are good."
guess that I am un derstood,  Beat it while your shoes are good."

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