

Cap'n Jim Reese Said

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The musical score is written in 2/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has chords F, C, F, and C. The second line has chords G7 and C. The third line has chords F, C, F, and C. The fourth line has chords G7 and C. The lyrics are: "Cap - 'n Jim Reese said when the Ka - ty was made, 'Ar - kan - sas Cit - y gon - na be her trade. I left my wom - an in the door, Says, 'Work down the riv - er an' hon - ey don't cha go!"

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Oh, Cap'n will you be so good an' kind?
Take all the cotton, leave the seed behind.
Heap seed an' a few knows,
Heap stahts an' a few goes!

I ain't gonna tell nobody
What they done to me,
But if ever I get to the long plank walk,
I won't come here no more!