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Well-a Shor-ty George, he aint no friend of mine.
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He's taken all the women and left the men behind.

Well-a Shorty George, he done been here and gone.
Yes, Shorty George, he done been here and gone.
Lord he left many a poor man a great long way from home.

Well my baby caught the Katy, I caught the Santa Fee
Well she caught the Katy, I caught the Santa Fee
Well, you can't quit me, baby, can't you see.

Well I went to Galveston, work on the Mallory Line
Went to Galveston, Lord on the Mallory Line.
Babe you can't quit me, ain't no use tryin'.

Shorty George, travelin' through the land
Shorty George, he's travelin' through the land
Always looking to pick some woman's poor man.

When I get back to Dallas, I'm gonna walk and tell
When I get back to Dallas, gonna walk and tell
That the Fort Bend Bottom is a burning hell.

note: Shorty George was the train that took convicts (and visitors) to and from the prison.
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