

LOW BRIDGE! - EVERYBODY DOWN

or Fifteen Years On The Erie Canal

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I've got an old mule and her name is Sal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
She's a good old worker and a good old pal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
We've hauled some barges in our day, Filled with lumber, coal and hay
And ev'ry inch of the way I know, From Albany to Buffalo

Low bridge, ev'rybody down, Low bridge, we must be getting near a town
You can always tell your neighbor, You can always tell your pal
If he's ever navigated on the Erie Canal

We'd better look 'round for a job old gal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
You bet your life I wouldn't part with Sal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
Giddap there gal we've passed that lock, We'll make Rome 'fore six o'clock
So one more trip and then we'll go, Right straight back to Buffalo

Low bridge, ev'rybody down, Low bridge, I've got the finest mule in town
Once a man named Mike McGinty tried to put it over Sal
Now he's way down at the bottom of the Erie Canal

Oh, where would I be if I lost my pal?, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
Oh, I'd like to see a mule as good as Sal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
A friend of mine once got her sore, Now, he's got a broken jaw
'Cause she let fly with her iron toe, And kicked him into Buffalo

Low bridge, ev'rybody down, Low bridge, I've got the finest mule in town
If you're looking 'round for trouble, better stay away from Sal
She's the only fighting donkey on the Erie Canal

I don't have to call when I want my Sal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
She trots from her stall like a good old gal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
I eat my meals with Sal each day, I eat beef and she eats hay
She ain't so slow if you want to know, She put the "Buff" in Buffalo

Low bridge, ev'rybody down, Low bridge, I've got the finest mule in town
Eats a bale of hay for dinner, and on top of that, my Sal
Tries to drink up all the water in the Erie Canal

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You'll soon hear them sing all about my gal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
It's a darned fool ditty 'bout my darned fool Sal, Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
Oh, every band will play it soon, Darned fool words and darned fool tune
You'll hear it sung everywhere you go, from Mexico to Buffalo

Low bridge, ev'rybody down, Low bridge, I've got the finest mule in town
She's a perfect, perfect lady, and she blushes like a gal
If she hears you sing about her and the Erie Canal.

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