

Cap'n Jim Reese Said

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Cap - 'n Jim Reese said when the Ka - ty was made,' with chords F, C, F, and C above the notes. The second staff contains 'Ar - kan - sas Cit - y gon - na be her trade. I' with chords G7 and C. The third staff contains 'left my wom - an in the door, Says,' with chords F, C, F, and C. The fourth staff contains 'Work down the riv - er an' hon - ey don't cha go!' with chords G7 and C. The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final quarter note on a whole note.

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!"

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!