When I First Came to This Land

1. When I first came to this land, I was not a wealthy man; So I got myself a shack and I did what I could. And I called my shack, "Break my back"; But the land was sweet and good and I did what I could.

2. When I first came to this land, I was not a wealthy man; So I got myself a wife and I did what I could. And I called my wife, "Run for your life" And I called my shack, "Break my back"; But the land was sweet and good and I did what I could.

3. When I first came to this land, I was not a wealthy man; So I got myself a cow and I did what I could.
And I called my cow, "No milk now",
And I called my wife, "Run for your life",
And I called my shack, "Break my back";
But the land was sweet and good and I did what I could.

4. When I first came to this land, I was not a wealthy man; So I got myself a hen and I did what I could. And I called my hen, "Now and then", And I called my cow, "No milk now", And I called my wife, "Run for your life", And I called my shack, "Break my back"; But the land was sweet and good and I did what I could.

5. When I first came to this land, I was not a wealthy man; So I got myself a donkey and I did what I could. And I called my donkey, "horse gone wonkey", And I called my hen, "Now and then", And I called my cow, "No milk now", And I called my wife, "Run for your life", And I called my shack, "Break my back";

But the land was sweet and good and I did what I could.

6. When I first came to this land, I was not a wealthy man; So I got myself a son and I did what I could. And I called my son, "My work's done", And I called my donkey, "horse gone wonkey", And I called my hen, "Now and then", And I called my cow, "No milk now", And I called my wife, "Run for your life", And I called my shack, "Break my back";

But the land was sweet and good and I did what I could.