

## Ropes-i-man, Ropes-i-man, Hold Your Rope

### ROPESIMAN, ROPESIMAN 5100A

Vernon Allen Shafter, 1941

Ropesiman, Ropesiman, hold your rope A little while For yonder comes my father dear  
He's rode a many a long mile.

O Father, dear Father, have you brought your gold To buy me free? Or have you come to  
see me hang To this decidal tree?

O daughter, dear daughter, I've brought no gold To buy you free I only came for to see you  
hang To this decidal tree.

O ropesiman, ropesiman, hold your rope A little while For yonder comes my mother dear  
She's rode a many a long mile. O Mother, dear Mother, have you brought your gold To buy  
me free? Or have you come to see me hang To this decidal tree?

O daughter, dear daughter, I've brought no gold To buy you free I only came for to see you  
hang To this decidal tree.

O ropesiman, ropesiman, hold your rope A little while For yonder comes my sister dear  
She's rode a many a long mile.

O Sister, dear Sister, have you brought your gold To buy me free? Or have you come for  
to see me hang To this decidal tree?

O sister, dear sister, I've brought no gold To buy you free I only came for to see you hang  
To this decidal tree.

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O ropesiman, ropesiman, hold your rope A little while For yonder comes my brother dear  
He's rode a many a long mile.

O Brother, dear Brother, have you brought your gold To buy me free? Or have you come  
to see me hang To this decidal tree?

O sister, dear sister, I've brought no gold To buy you free I only came for to see you hang  
To this decidal tree.

O ropesiman, ropesiman, hold your rope A little while For yonder comes my lover dear  
He's rode a many a long mile.

O Willie, dear Willie, have you brought your gold To buy me free? Or have you come to  
see me hang To this decidal tree?

O yes, O yes, I've brought you my gold To buy you free And you will not be hanged To this  
decidal tree.