

Dink's song

First collected by John Lomax around 1920 in the Brazos River in Texas. The woman who sang it into his ancient recording machine never gave Lomax her real name. Everyone in the area knew her as Dink. In his notes he simply called the tune "Dink's Song" and that's how it has come to be known. As sung by Win Stracke.



If I had wings like Noah's dove
I'd fly up the river to the one I love
fare thee well oh honey,
fare thee well

I've got a man he's long and tall
he moves his body like a cannonball

Remember last night it was drizzlin rain
around my heart I felt a pain

If I had listened to what mama said
I'd be at home in her featherbed

One of these days and it won't be long
you'll call my name and I'll be gone

