Little Sadie

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Went out one night to make a little round, I met little Sadie and I shot her down Went back home and I got into bed Forty four smokeless under my head

Woke up the next morning bout half past nine The hacks and the buggies all standin in line The gents and the gamblers standing around Taking little Sadie to her buryin ground

I began to think what a deed I done, Grabbed my hat and away I run I made a good run but a little too slow They overtook me in Jericho

I was standin on the corner readin my bill When up stepped the sheriff of Thomasville He said young man ain't your name Browne Remember the night you shot Sadie down

I said yes sir my name is Lee I murdered little Sadie in the first degree First degree and the second degree If you have any papers won't you read em to me

They took me downtown, dressed me in black Put me on the train and started me back Locked me up in that Thomasville jail I had no money for to go my bail

The judge and the jury they made their stand The judge had the paper in his right hand, He said forty one days, forty one nights Forty one years to wear the ball and the stripes