



The Tillers

Half past three hear the whistle blowing as I throw on my rags for the evening I'm too young for to legally employ so it's underneath the table I'll be working And this here's the kinda life I do enjoy Just a riverboat dishwashing boy

Ride my bike round and down the plank where I know that old dish tank is waiting
She's a shiny new machine she'll get your dishes clean with a fancy sprayer thing with silver plating
Shining every dirty dish and pot and pan
And I've only got one solitary plan
To be a riverboat dishwashing man

Cookie is the captain but Jimmy thinks he is as he growls and he barks from the kitchen

They'll send you down below for a bucket full of steam where the stowaway shore cats are hissing

And I'm wishing that they all could sing along pass around the black bottle till it's gone and sing a riverboat dishwashing song

She was buried in the deep when she sprang a leak on a cold rainy day in the autumn

And the bow came to dip as well all abandoned ship and she sank to the muddy river bottom

Now the years have drifted on and on and on and I'm gonna end it here before too long

This was the riverboat dishwashing song