

Drinkin' that Wine

1. Oh, if my mother ask for me,
Tell her that death done summon me.

**Yo' oughta bin there ten thousand year
Drinkin' that wine.**

**Drinkin' that wine, wine, wine
Drinkin' that wine, oh Yes my Lord
Yo' oughta bin there ten thousand year
Drinkin' that wine.**

2. Ain't but one thing that I done wrong,
Staying in the wilderness most too long.
**Yo' oughta bin there ten thousand year
Drinkin that wine ...**

3. Down by the river, we're gonna walk
Me and my Lord gonna have a little talk.

4. Two white horses side by side,
One o' them horses I'm gonna ride

5. If you get there before I do,
Tell my mother I'm a-coming too.

6. If ma mother ask for me,
Tell her dat death done summon me.
**Y' oughta bin dere ten t'ousand year,
Drinkin' dat wine.**

**Drinkin' dat wine, wine, wine
Drinkin' dat wine, oh Yes my Lord
Y' oughta bin dere ten t'ousand year
Drinkin' dat wine.**

Sing with **Bob Walser** at
https://youtu.be/QiFgoBIT_YA
If you want to click your fingers to keep time,
please do.

Notes:

Net-pulling shanty used in menhaden fishing

Other names: Drinkin' dat wine, Drinking dat wine,
Drinking that wine

This is another song sung to accompany and help the
work of the menhaden fishermen when they were
pulling up the seine nets full of menhaden fish.

My full notes for the net-pulling songs using by the
menhaden fishermen, including references for the value
of menhaden fish, as well as how the work was done
are given for the song **Help me to raise um** at
<http://www.janetelizabeth.org.uk/shanties/HelpMeToRaiseUm.pdf>

Nowadays, Drinkin' Dat Wine is just such a lovely song
for singing along with your own harmonies if you wish.



Joseph W Smith, An early menhaden steamer bails in the catch. (central section)
on p31 of document 534: The Atlantic and Gulf Menhaden Purse Seine Fisheries: etc
for the **National Marine Fisheries Service**, Scientific Publications Office. spo.nmfs.noaa.gov