Brother Can You Spare a Dime?Bottom of Form

They used to tell me I was building a dream
And so I followed the mob
When there was earth to plow or guns to bear
I was always there, right on the job

They used to tell me I was building a dream **5**
With peace and glory ahead
Why should I be standing in line
Just waiting for bread?

Once I built a railroad, I made it run
Made it race against time **10**
Once I built a railroad, now it's done
Brother, can you spare a dime?

Once I built a tower up to the sun
Brick and rivet and lime
Once I built a tower, now it's done **15**
Brother, can you spare a dime?

Once in khaki suits, gee, we looked swell
Full of that Yankee Doodly Dum
Half a million boots went slogging through Hell
And I was the kid with the drum **20**

Say, don't you remember? They called me 'Al'
It was 'Al' all the time
Why don't you remember? I'm your pal
Say buddy, can you spare a dime?

Once in khaki suits, ah, gee, we looked swell **25**
Full of that Yankee Doodly Dum
Half a million boots went slogging through Hell
And I was the kid with the drum

Oh, say, don't you remember? They called me 'Al'
It was 'Al' all the time **30**
Say, don't you remember? I'm your pal
Buddy, can you spare a dime?

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**Station Questions:**

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1. **Title:** Reflect on the title. What does it mean? What does it sound like will be going on in this poem?
2. **Paraphrase:** Write down three key ideas the narrator says.
3. **Connotation:** Check out stanza #1: Lines 1-4:

What is the narrator trying to say through metaphor & imagery?

Check out stanza #7: Lines 25-28
What is the speaker trying to say through metaphor & imagery?

1. **Attitude:** What would you say is the author’s overall tone?
2. **Title &Theme:** Look back at the title. What is an overall lesson we can take from this?