

## *Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?*

Some popular songs, such as “Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?” below, expressed the feelings of people during the Great Depression.

Read the lyrics below and answer the questions that follow:-

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  
With peace and glory I have  
Why should I be standing in line  
Just waiting for bread.

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

Once I built a tower in the sun  
Working brick and shovel and line  
Once I built a tower – now it's done  
Brother, can you spare a dime?

Once in khaki suits  
Gee we looked swell – full of that  
Yankee Doodley Dum  
Half a million boots went slogging through hell  
I was the kid with the drum.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Use complete sentences for your answers:-

1. Where is the singer of this song located when he is telling his story?

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2. How good a worker is the person in the song? Explain how you arrived at your answer using passages within the song.

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3. What do you think he means when he “once built a tower in the sun?”

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4. How do you know this person is a patriotic and loyal American citizen?

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5. In 1932, unlike today, ten cents (a dime) went a long way. What do you, in your own opinion, believe that this person would do if he was to be given a dime?

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